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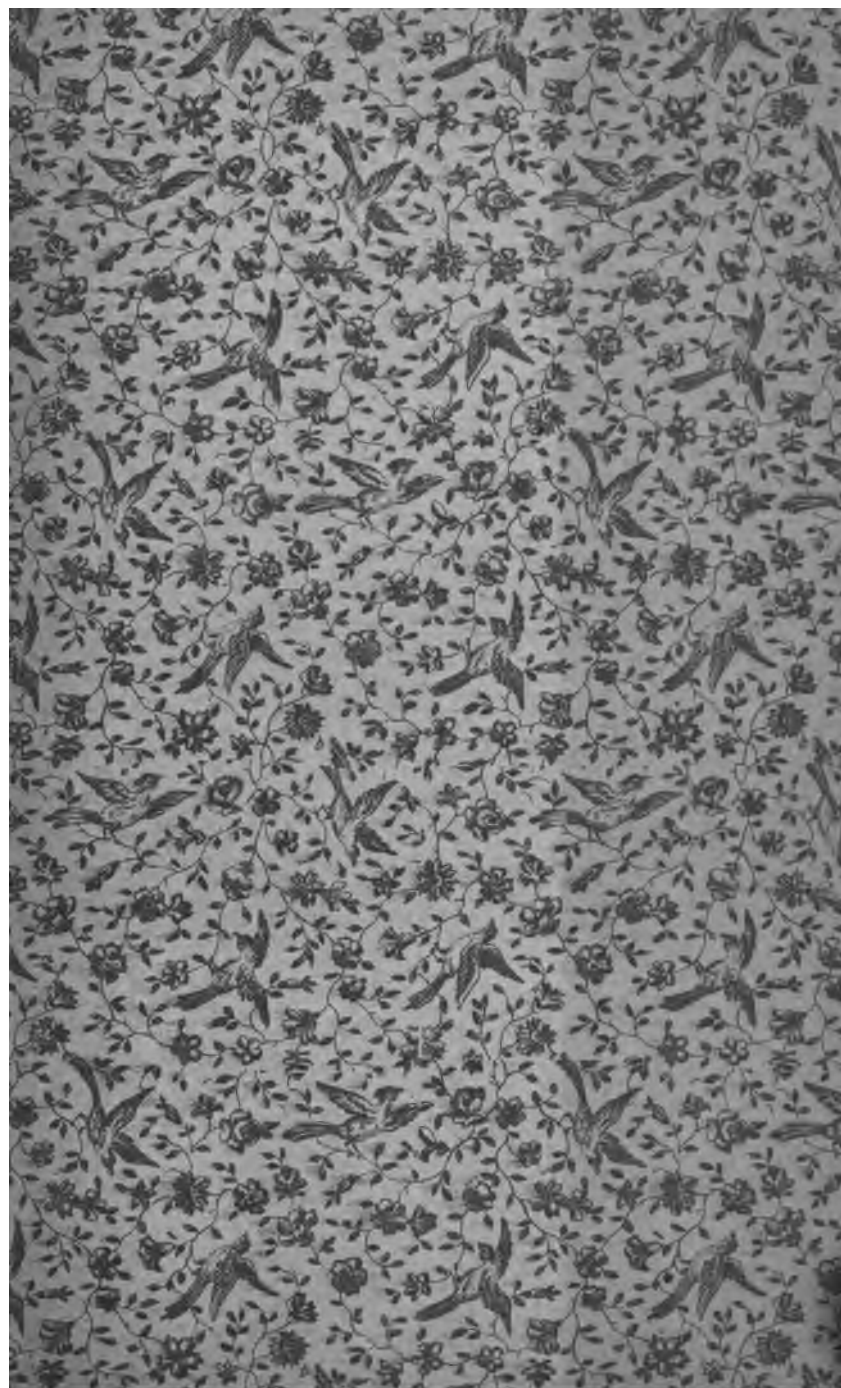
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HISTORY
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INTRODUCTORY.

At the Sixty-third Communication of Joseph Webb Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, held in Sutton Hall, (Masonic Temple), Boston, April 5, A. L. 5882, the following resolution, proposed by Bro. William Tyner, was accepted: —

"That a Committee of five brothers be appointed to prepare a sketch of the life and times of Joseph Webb, the first Grand Master of the Independent Grand Lodge in this Commonwealth; also a history of the origin and work of this Lodge, and submit the same at the annual meeting."

Worshipful Master Osgood appointed the Committee as follows: Brothers J. Waldo Denny, William Tyner, Worshipful Brothers J. Elliot Bond, D. T. Brigham, and Bro. Francis A. Chase.

The Committee thus appointed placed the preparation of the book required by the resolution of the Lodge, in the hands of Bro. J. Waldo Denny.

At the annual meeting, November 1, A. L. 5882, Brother Chase, in behalf of the Committee, submitted a report recommending that the Historical and Biographical matter prepared by Bro. Denny be published. This report was accepted and the recommendation adopted; but, upon further consideration, a delay in the publication was deemed necessary, and at the March communication A. L. 5888, upon motion of Wor. Bro. Albro A. Osgood, accepted by the Lodge, Wor. Master Rowe appointed Wor. Bro. J. Waldo Denny, Brothers William E. Murdock and Robert T. Almy a Committee to complete the publication of the matter prepared by Wor. Bro. Denny.

In accordance with this action of the Lodge, the following pages are respectfully and fraternally submitted.

HISTORICAL.

A history of the origin and work of Joseph Webb Lodge must necessarily be brief. All of those who participated in the formation of the Lodge, with five exceptions, are now living. It becomes a delicate task, for one who played a part in all the preliminary work necessary in bringing the Lodge into existence, to make such a record as all the brethren might agree to be entirely fair and impartial. There exists in the human mind so much of the spirit of envy, and green-eyed jealousy so often asserts its supremacy while judging contemporaneous work, that we have almost feared, in spite of all the guards placed about the avenues of the heart, that one or the other of these spirits of evil might shade a line and point a comma, or, that some idle word might strike unpleasantly upon the attentive and sensitive ear, or, equally undesirable, that silence might be wrongly construed, forgetful of the fact that when nothing need be said, silence, as Bovee states it, is the eloquence of discretion.

The task of preparing this historical sketch has been assigned, and loyalty to the Lodge requires the performance of its decrees in the spirit of paternal impartiality and truthfulness, which is sincerely invoked to guide our pen.

MEETING FOR CONSULTATION.

The first meeting to consider the feasibility of forming a new Masonic Lodge was held in Boston Hall, 176 Tremont street, on the evening of December 9, 1875.

A very few brethren interested in Masonic work, had for some months considered the question in all its bearings, until they became satisfied that a new lodge could not only live, but be made a success. Little by little this feeling, looked upon by some as visionary, grew into a great root, which, spreading like those germinating from the little acorn, shot forth its main branch and gave us the material from which to build our Masonic home.

The time had come when consultation was proper, hence the meeting at Boston Hall as before stated.

William F. Story was chosen to preside, and J. Waldo Denny was made secretary. Brother Story was then a member of Adelphi Lodge, and Brother Denny had been of the same Lodge, but, having taken a demit, was then unaffiliated. The others present were Brothers N. E. Hollace, E. S. Goulston, Wm. H. Gleason, Albro A. Osgood, Oscar C. Pullen, George W. Frost, George Carbis, Alexander McKinley, D. T. Brigham, Benjamin Magoun, William B. Foster, and Joseph A. Plumer, all of Adelphi Lodge; and Brothers Thomas W. Shapleigh of Winslow Lewis Lodge, Columbia R. Beal of Mt. Tabor, and Julius A. Greene of Joseph Warren Lodge. The names are given in the order they appear upon the record.

After some consultation, and after Brother Hollace had stated that "there was work enough already known" to engage a new lodge for a year," it was voted to proceed to designate the officers for a new lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. Worshipful Brother J. Elliot Bond, who had served three terms as Worshipful Master of Adelphi Lodge, was unanimously designated to be the first Master of the new organization. Brother N. E. Hollace was designated Senior Warden, and Brother William F. Story as Junior Warden. Brother Denny was designated as Secretary. The designation of Treasurer was postponed, as it was desirable to select Brother William Tyner for that position, whose affiliation with us had not at that time been determined. The two designated Wardens, the Secretary, and Brother E. S. Goulston were constituted a committee to wait upon Worshipful Brother Bond, inform him of his designation as Worshipful Master, and obtain his acceptance of the same. Another committee of equal importance was chosen to wait upon the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Percival L. Everett, with the petition asking for a dispensation. This committee consisted of Brothers Denny, Story, Hollace, Goulston, and Shapleigh. The M. W. Grand Master received the committee at the appointed time with his usual courtesy, at his banking office on State street, and listened attentively to the argument in support of the petition. Without indicating his own opinion, he stated that he thought it would be advisable to submit the application to all the Masonic bodies in Boston proper. It is well to say here, that the committee was

very strongly re-enforced in its efforts by the intelligent advocacy of R. W. Bro. Charles J. Danforth, who, from the first, warmly espoused the cause of those whose signatures appeared upon the petition. This hearty friend of our enterprise was elected an honorary member May 1, 1877, and, much to the grief of all his Masonic brethren, died on the 17th of the same month. He was a devoted member and Past Master of Lafayette Lodge in the Roxbury district.

The brothers associated in the formation of the new lodge also bear in affectionate remembrance the official support received from R. W. Henry G. Fay, at that time District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District, and a Past Master of Zetland Lodge in Boston. In recognition of his continued sympathy and support, he was elected to honorary membership February 6, 1884. Worshipful Brother Bond consented to accept the position of Master should a dispensation for a new lodge be granted. The petition for a dispensation bore the signatures of J. Elliot Bond, N. E. Hol- lace, William F. Story, Seth B. Cushing, Horatio H. Crawford, George W. Frost, Edward S. Goulston, Albro A. Osgood, J. Waldo Denny, Thomas W. Shap- leigh, D. T. Brigham, Benjamin Magoun, George Carbis, Alex. McKinley, Oscar C. Pullen, William H. Gleason, Julius A. Greene, William B. Foster, Columbia R. Beal, John A. Campbell, Joseph A. Plumer, James L. Hovey, Frank D. Bullard, Seth Perkins, William Tyner, and John T. Stetson. The M. W. Grand Master granted the same and issued dispensation March 8, 1876, the first communication

under its grant being held March 20, 1876, in Masonic Temple. [See Dispensation, Appendix A.]

The record of the first meeting before mentioned closes with this sentence, "A general expression was given that when any person receives the Master's degree, he should be granted membership upon signing the by-laws without further action of the Lodge." While this was a departure from the usual practice of Masonic bodies in this city, it was an acknowledgment of that inchoate membership which every brother has a Masonic right to claim upon the completion of his initiation, and the wisdom of which has been proved in the universal satisfaction attending the practical demonstration of this true democratic theory and its adoption by many other lodges.

Before the issuance of the dispensation, there had been discussion upon the subject of the selection of a name for the new lodge, and the agitation of this question had been so general among the brethren,

That all had owned "with rapture smitten frame,
The power of grace, the magic of a name."

Each proposed cognomen found its defenders; some viewed the promised land through "Centennial" glasses, while others insisted upon making our Masonic pilgrimage through the "East Gate," but, in the midst of our friendly discussions came the opportune suggestion of M. W. Grand Master Everett, that we adopt the name of "Joseph Webb," which suggestion was unanimously accepted. The dispensation of the M. W. Grand Master established us under the name of

"Joseph Webb Lodge," and we became debtors to the Grand Master for both the dispensation and a name.

At the first communication under dispensation, Bro. William Tyner was elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Waldo Denny, Secretary. Twenty-one members were present, as follows: Wor. Bro. Bond, Bros. Hollace, Story, Tyner, Denny, Osgood, Crawford, Hovey, Shapleigh, Pullen, Plumer, Carbis, Goulston, Cushing, Greene, Beal, Magoun, McKinley, Foster, Frost, and Campbell. Wor. Bro. Bond delivered an address, which is spread in full upon the records, and which in all future years will be turned to and read with interest by our affiliated brethren, not merely for its eloquence, but because it contained matter of historic character which our brethren of the present and of the future will be glad to peruse as they go back to the old landmarks of Joseph Webb Lodge. In this address Wor. Bro. Bond said: "Before obtaining this warrant from the Grand Master it was necessary to obtain the consent thereto of all the Masonic Lodges having a home in this Temple. We have successfully passed the scrutiny of our Masonic brethren composing these lodges, and our application is endorsed by all of the twelve Masonic bodies of Boston proper. This result, while it is flattering to us, giving us a strength of approval beyond that ever before required, is particularly pleasing, because it assures us that we have the good will of our Masonic brethren." Worshipful Master Bond concluded his address in these words:—"Brothers: in ancient times lodges were dedicated to King Solomon, who was our first Most Excel-

"lent Grand Master ; yet Masons professing Christian-
"ity dedicate their lodges to St. John the Baptist, and
"St. John the Evangelist, two eminent Christian patrons
"of Free Masonry. While we heartily join in dedi-
"cating our Lodge to these beloved exemplars of Chris-
"tianity, it is eminently proper at this time, upon this
"centennial era, when our minds are being more
"thoroughly educated in the great record of the past,
"that we should be ready to assist in doing honor to
"one who, a hundred years ago, added the strength of
"his manhood in support of the Masonic institution.
"We find, upon looking over the history of Masonry in-
"Massachusetts, that on the 8th day of March, 1777,
"Joseph Webb, Jr., an honored citizen who had pre-
"viously held distinguished positions in the Provincial
"Grand Lodge of which M. W. Joseph Warren was
"Grand Master, was duly installed Grand Master of the
"Massachusetts Grand Lodge, which position he held
"for eight years, and that no lodge until now has as-
"sumed his name. The honor of suggesting the name
"of 'Joseph Webb,' by which we may be known Ma-
"sonically, belongs to our present Most Worshipful
"Grand Master, Percival L. Everett. It has been ac-
"cepted, not only because by so doing we compliment
"the good taste of our Grand Master, but because by
"taking it we link the glorious present with the noble
"past, and do honor to a worthy exponent of Masonry
"of a hundred years ago. If God smiles upon our
"effort, we hope here to constitute a full Masonic
"Lodge upon the centennial anniversary of the instal-
"lation of Joseph Webb as the first elected Grand

" Master of the Independent Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. To this end, brothers, let us invoke the continued blessing of Almighty God, that here we may learn to subdue the passions, act upon the square, keep a tongue of good report, and practice charity to all, that here we may be true and faithful, and by our good work render ourselves deserving the honor which has been conferred, and the confidence so generously reposed in us."

The work was continued under dispensation until March 23, 1877, when Joseph Webb Lodge was constituted in Ample Form by M. W. Percival L. Everett, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, under a charter granted by the Grand Lodge dated March 8 A.D. 1877, A.L. 5877, that date being the centennial anniversary of the installation of Joseph Webb as M. W. Grand Master of our Grand Lodge, being the first year of its independence. [See Appendix B.]

The charter was granted to the following brethren : Wor. Bro. Bond, Bros. Hollace, Shapleigh, William Tyner, Denny, Frost, Pullen, Osgood, Brigham, Crawford, Greene, Carbis, Hovey, Beal, Gleason, Edward S. Goulston, Seth Perkins, Joseph A. Plumer, Cushing, West, John A. Campbell, and Magoun. Of this number Bro. Julius E. Greene died February 18, 1881 ; Bro. Seth Perkins died October 6, 1883 ; Wor. Bro. Bond died December 3, 1883, and Bro. Seth B. Cushing died May 13, 1885.

Bro. William F. Story did not join in the petition for the charter, and Wor. Bro. Stetson and Bros. Foster

and McKinley concluded to retain their former affiliations, and their names do not appear upon the charter.

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ADMINISTRATION OF WOR. BRO. BOND.

Worshipful J. Elliot Bond was installed Worshipful Master for the second term, and for the first term under the Charter, March 23, 1877. The services of Constitution and Installation being concluded, the Grand Master introduced R. W. Charles Levi Woodbury, who addressed the members and visiting brethren in eloquent and pointed remarks, giving great satisfaction to all who listened. [For full account of the Constitution of the Lodge, Installation of its Officers and address of R. W. Bro. Woodbury, see Appendix B.]

The By-Laws were adopted October 10, 1876. They were drafted by a committee consisting of Bros. Denny, Story, and Edward S. Goulston. [See Appendix C.]

The present Seal of the Lodge was adopted February 7, 1877, having been designed and prepared by Brothers Hollace, D. T. Brigham, and Shapleigh, appointed for that purpose by Wor. Bro. Bond by vote of the Lodge, December 6, 1876.

The two terms of Wor. Bro. Bond covered a space of one year and three months, during which time 23 were Initiated, 22 Passed, and 17 Raised. At the close of his service the membership of the Lodge numbered forty. Four applications for the degrees had been rejected. By the aid of loans from members and

voluntary assessments, together with the amount accruing from applicants, the Lodge was placed upon a permanent basis and success was fully guaranteed. This result was substantially aided by brethren, who in various ways contributed to the success of the undertaking. Brothers Hollace and Brigham made valuable gifts; Brothers Gleason, Crawford, and Pullen presented the two Bibles now used by the Lodge; the Secretary gave his services the first two terms; Brothers Osgood, Carbis, and E. S. Goulston offered gifts; Bro. Frost presented the solid silver square and compasses now used upon the altar, and other Brothers came forward with donations and contributions, all of which materially assisted the Lodge in its struggle of the first year.

The first to receive degrees in Joseph Webb Lodge and the first raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, were Brothers William H. Lee, John F. Perkins, James F. Swain, Joseph O. Hayden, and John K. Scott, — Brother Swain being the first initiate to pay fees into the Lodge.

ADMINISTRATION OF WOR. BRO. HOLLACE.

On the 28th June, 1877, the Lodge commenced its second term under the Charter, with Wor. Bro. Hollace in the Oriental Chair, Bro. D. T. Brigham, Senior Warden, and Bro. T. W. Shapleigh, Junior Warden. Bro. Francis A. Chase commenced his duties as Secretary, a position he has creditably filled until December, 1887, when serious disability compelled him to relinquish its active duties — Bro. Charles C.

Littlefield acting as Secretary since that time. Wor. Bro. Hollace remained Master until January 1, 1879, a period of a little over one year and six months, during which time 28 were Initiated, 25 Passed, and 30 Raised. He left the Lodge in splendid condition as to membership, and the "work" under his supervision was of a character to show great industry and patience in its superintendence.

ADMINISTRATION OF WOR. BRO. BRIGHAM.

January 1, 1879, Wor. Bro. D. T. Brigham assumed the Oriental Chair and remained in the discharge of the Master's duties until January 5, 1881, a period of two years, during which time 21 were Initiated, 24 Passed, and 20 Raised. During the first term of Wor. Bro. Brigham, Bro. Albro A. Osgood was Senior Warden and Bro. Horatio H. Crawford, Junior Warden. His second term had Bro. Osgood as Senior Warden and Bro. John F. Ham, Junior Warden. The Lodge continued its growth and maintained its character for good work.

Wor. Bro. Brigham attended very carefully to the details of lodge work, and it is due to his painstaking care and precision, in grasping the words and their meaning, that he was enabled to perfect the work and develop an interest among the brethren that has been felt for good through all the successive administrations.

ADMINISTRATION OF WOR. BRO. OSGOOD.

On the 5th of January, 1881, Wor. Bro. Osgood was installed Wor. Master, with Bro. John F. Ham as

Senior Warden, and Bro. William H. Whitcomb as Junior Warden. Brother Whitcomb died August 5, 1881, deeply lamented by all the brethren, and the South remained vacant during the remainder of the year.

The second term of Wor. Bro. Osgood commenced January 20, 1882, with Bro. John F. Ham as Senior Warden, and Bro. J. Waldo Denny as Junior Warden. The administration of Wor. Bro. Osgood was successful, and the healthy growth of the Lodge was pleasing to our brethren. A good spirit of harmony existed, and a commendable interest in the prosperity of the Lodge seemed to be a distinguishing feature. During the two terms of Wor. Bro. Osgood, comprising a period of twenty-three months, there were 24 Initiated, 25 Passed, and 25 Raised. The regular communication in November, 1882, was the last session of the Lodge in which Wor. Bro. Osgood presided, and his administration was rounded off by the largest attendance of visitors and brethren known in its history. It was the occasion of the annual visitation of R. W. Bro. Nathaniel Greene, M.D., District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District of this Commonwealth, and he was pleased to speak in favorable terms of the work, remarking, also, that it was the largest assemblage of brethren ever held in Sutton Hall at a subordinate lodge communication.

ADMINISTRATION OF WOR. BRO. HAM.

At the annual meeting held November 15, 1882, Bro. John F. Ham was elected Master, and was re-

elected in 1883, serving as Worshipful Master for two years. During his term Bro. J. Waldo Denny served as Senior Warden, and Bro. Henry M. Rowe as Junior Warden. The administration of Wor. Bro. Ham was eminently successful, the healthy growth of the Lodge being maintained. The Wor. Master exercised the most painstaking care to sustain the reputation already achieved for good work.

During the two terms of Wor. Bro. Ham, covering two years, twenty-seven Fellow-Crafts were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and six brothers united with the Lodge by demit from other branches of the order.

It may not be improper to remark that, upon the second year of Wor. Bro. Ham's administration Joseph Webb Lodge occupied an honorable position among the sister lodges of this jurisdiction. In the amount of "work" the Lodge stood 64 per cent above the average of the State.

The Masonic Districts showing the greatest amount of work made the following record of increase by initiations: First District, 5.22; Second District, 8.55; Third District, 9.12; Fourth District, 10.12; Eleventh District, 6.57; Thirteenth District, 7.74; Sixteenth District, 10.87; Twenty-sixth District, 9.80.

The average in the State was 10.25. Only six lodges, all within the above-mentioned districts, exceeded the work of Joseph Webb in the Second District, while five lodges did the same amount of work. But all the lodges taken into this comparative statement are much more venerable in years than Joseph

Webb, and nearly all of them have double its membership. It ought to be remarked, also, that the number of applicants declined is quite as large as the list of rejections in other lodges.

ADMINISTRATION OF WOR. BRO. DENNY.

At the annual meeting of November 19, 1884, Bro. J. Waldo Denny was elected Worshipful Master, and was re-elected in 1885. During his term of two years Bro. Henry M. Rowe served as Senior Warden, and Bro. William E. Murdock as Junior Warden. During these two terms twenty-seven were initiated Entered Apprentices, and twenty-two Fellow-Crafts were raised to the degree of Master Mason. The Lodge continued in its usual healthy condition; the Wardens and other officers associated with them contended successfully in the maintenance of good work, and Bro. William H. Gerrish, who was appointed organist when Wor. Bro. Denny entered upon his duties, contributed very largely to the success achieved by the officers in rendering the ritual as laid down for this jurisdiction. In the work of the Master Mason's degree, Bro. Gerrish provided new music, which was most artistically rendered by the Temple Quartette, and which materially contributed to the excellent character of the work.

RECEPTION TO JUNIOR WARDEN MURDOCK.

After the regular communication, October 7, 1885, a meeting of members was held, and, it being announced that Brother William E. Murdock, Junior

Warden, who, with his wife, had been travelling some months in Europe, was now on his return voyage on the steamer "Cephalonia," it was voted to choose a committee to arrange for a reception and banquet to be tendered the Junior Warden. The committee was as follows: Wor. Bros. J. W. Denny, D. T. Brigham, A. A. Osgood, John F. Ham, Brothers Crawford, Rowe, Royal, and Almy. This committee issued a circular to the brethren, headed "Sub Rosa."

The reception took place in Sutton Hall on the evening of October 16, 1885. The Worshipful Master extended a formal welcome home to Bro. Murdock, who briefly responded, thanking the brethren for the fraternal courtesy manifested. Bro. Royal presented the Junior Warden with a beautiful bouquet in behalf of the members of the Lodge, with a request that it should be presented to Mrs. Murdock with the compliments of the brethren.

After the reception the brethren formed procession and proceeded to the banquet hall, the Worshipful Master presiding at the tables. The Divine blessing was invoked by Bro. Richard Tyner. After cigars were lighted, Worshipful Brother Denny extended to Brother Murdock the hearty congratulations of the brethren upon his safe return, and expressed to him the warm welcome and fraternal love of all the brethren. "Here and now we grasp the symbolic trowel and with it spread the cement of brotherly love and affection which unites us in a common bond of fraternity." After referring to the strong ties of comradeship uniting him with Brother Murdock, he closed as follows:

"A few months ago Brother Murdock sought rest from business by a foreign voyage, accompanied by his amiable and excellent wife. He has safely returned and will be able to tell you what he saw. That you may receive your hearty welcome and warmest congratulations, I now have the honor to welcome him and to present to you our Junior Warden, William E. Murdock."

Brother Murdock responded at considerable length saying—

"Wor. Master and Brethren: When I first received notice that the officers of the Lodge were to meet for rehearsal to-night nearly two hours earlier than usual, I concluded that during my absence a wonderful amount of zeal had been infused into the Masonic work of Joseph Webb Lodge; for, though I had attended many rehearsals, I never before heard of one being called at such an early hour. But since coming here my eyes have been opened somewhat. I am not sure that I am correct in my supposition, but knowing the propensity of our Worshipful Master for banquets, and the facility with which he always takes a leading part in them, I think it easy to discern the origin of the predicament in which I am placed. Now I believe that our Wor. Master, not content with visiting the various lodges, and of course the banquets, as a member of the suite of the District Deputy Grand Master, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings of this week after a careful search, finding no lodge anywhere in the vicinity having a banquet this (Friday) evening

"concluded to take advantage of the unimportant event
"of my return home to get a good dinner to-night.
"Well, he has succeeded, for this is a great success.

"Now, brethren, I shall be the last one to complain
"of this, after the most cordial reception and right royal
"welcome I have received from Worshipful Brother
"Denny, and from you all to-night. I am unspeakably
"glad to be back again, and thankful that I have
"been preserved from the dangers of travel; that I
"am once more in my accustomed place in the Lodge
"and can look in your faces and grasp you again by
"the hand. I have no words that fitly express the
"depth of my feelings at this great and unexpected
"honor you have so kindly conferred upon me. I can
"only most sincerely thank you all for this beautiful
"expression of your fraternal regard, which is most
"gratifying to me and most fully appreciated, I assure
"you. Of course you cannot expect anything from me
"that will at all compare with the fervid eloquence to
"which we have just listened, that being entirely out of
"my line, but possibly you might be interested in a few
"incidents of my journey. But first, allow me briefly to
"allude to the remarks of our Wor. Master concerning
"our comradeship in the army. It is true that a large
"portion of the nearly four years of my army service was
"passed in the same battalion with Wor. Bro. Denny,
"and mostly under his command. Amid the exciting
"scenes of camp, march, bivouac, and battle, we commenced
"that friendship that has continued unbroken
"for almost a quarter of a century. To him I am indebted
"for many acts of kindness during this period,

"and through him I applied for admission to Free Masonry at the time he held the position in the South of "Joseph Webb Lodge, now, through your kindness, "held by myself." Bro. Murdock continued with incidents and reminiscences of army life and then gave an account of his travels after leaving Boston on the "Cephalonia" on the 8th of August.

"We landed at Queenstown, being conveyed up the "beautiful and extensive harbor by moonlight. The "town presented a brilliant appearance as we approached it, apparently being illuminated in our honor "or that of somebody else. Our first adventure was "with a policeman, who looked us over and took down "our names in a book. Then the Custom House officials examined our luggage for firearms, liquors, and "other dutiable goods, asking Mrs. Murdock particularly, if she had any *whiskey or pistols*. About noon "of the next day we proceeded to the city of Cork. "Here, at the Imperial Hotel, we had our first experience of a European table d'hôte. At 6 o'clock we "entered the fine large dining-room and watched the "other guests assemble. Many of them were in full "evening costume, that of the gentlemen being precisely "the same as worn by the waiters. It was a very "solemn occasion, what little conversation there was "being carried on in low tones. The waiters silently "brought the various courses, beginning with soup "and ending with 'sweets.' In the course of two hours "time they changed our plates thirteen times, and we "arose with a sigh of relief when the formalities were "over, feeling about as hungry as when we began, for

"most of the courses consisted of an infinitesimal quantity of food placed in the middle of a very large plate.

"Blarney Castle is easily reached from Cork. Built in the wall near the top of the tower is the noted Blarney Stone, which, as you know, is said to endow the person venturesome enough to climb and kiss it with extraordinary powers of eloquence. In the words of Father Prout, —

" 'There's a stone that whosoever kisses,
 " 'Oh! he never misses to grow eloquent.
 " 'Tis he may clamber to a lady's chamber,
 " 'Or become a member of Parliament.'

"In my *present dilemma*, I most sincerely wish I had risked my neck in the trial; but I only succeeded in touching it with my fingers, not with my lips."

After describing many scenes in Ireland, he said: "We saw women everywhere at work in the fields, sometimes by themselves, sometimes alongside the men, but usually they seemed to be doing the greater part of the work of various kinds. We met with soldiers constantly, and there are said to be 35,000 troops in Ireland to preserve order. One cause of the poverty existing in Ireland is shown by the fact that their bills for *strong drink* largely exceed the total amount of the rents about which they murmur so unceasingly." At some length Bro. Murdock gave interesting descriptions of Scotland and England, particularly of London, and said: "I regret exceedingly that I cannot give you more information concerning Free Masonry in England. None of the lodges hold

"communications during the summer months, therefore
"I was unable to see any of their work. I visited Free
"Mason's Hall on Great Queen street, and, by the cour-
"tesy of the Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Eng-
"land, I was shown through the building. The exterior
"is very plain. The front is built of the light-colored
"stone in universal use there, but blackened with smoke
"and dust like all the London buildings. The entrance
"hall and grand staircase of various colored marbles
"are very beautiful. The Grand Lodge room is rather
"smaller than our Sutton Hall, very handsomely fur-
"nished. On the walls hang portraits of Past Grand
"Masters for two hundred years, many of them in Court
"dress. The chair used by the present Grand Master,
"His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was rever-
"ently uncovered for my inspection. It is of great size,
"handsomely carved and upholstered. The Prince is
"an enthusiastic Mason and usually presides in person
"at the Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge.
"I also saw his private robing room and the rooms of
"the other Grand Lodge officers. The subordinate
"lodge rooms, of which there are several, are about
"as large as our Sodality Hall, and furnished similarly
"to that. The Grand Lodge banquet hall appears to
"be one of the most important rooms in the building,
"though decorated plainly. I was told that many of
"the lodges held their meetings in taverns, and that the
"work was largely of a convivial nature, which would
"quite suit *our Wor. Master*, as well as the rest of us,
"perhaps. On a visit to the Holborn restaurant, an es-
"tablishment magnificently fitted up with floors, walls,

"and staircases of marble, with most elaborate decorations, I found at the top of the building folding doors over which was the sign, 'Masonic Temple,' and I found on inquiry that some of the lodges met there regularly. English lodges are very careful about admitting visitors, and I warn you, when you go abroad, not to forget to take your diplomas, as it is quite impossible to gain admittance without one. I received many acts of kindness from English Masons as well as those of other nationalities, and my belief in the noble principles of the order is confirmed and strengthened. While in Paris, I asked many questions about French Free Masonry, but without gaining much information. During the last few years the religious and other secret societies have been very generally suppressed, and, as nearly as I could discover, Masonry, as we practice it, is almost unknown there. The Grand Orient of France is working, but nothing is done in the summer season."

After describing Paris and scenes in France, Bro. Murdock said: "We were highly favored in having pleasant weather and smooth water for crossing the English channel, much to the disgust of the deck hands whose duty it is to take care of the sick passengers. Their occupation was gone for the time, and I was amused to see them looking anxiously at the sky in hope of discerning the approach of a breeze, and then glance meaningly at the row of empty *bowls* arranged suspiciously beneath the seats on deck. In conversation with one of them he expressed himself as dissatisfied with the outlook, and said he should not

"make the price of a drink to-day, adding significantly, "‘*Unless* I drink your ‘ealth, sir.’ In England gratuities are expected for the slightest service, and often "when no service is rendered.

"Upon our return voyage we passed through a terrific "northeast storm that burst our sails into ribbons, and "rolled us about most disagreeably for two days. On "the last day of the journey, as we steamed up the harbor with familiar objects all around us, the bright sun, "‘which is the glory and the beauty of the day,’ reflected from the gilded dome of the State House, we "thought no place in the world so beautiful as our own "beloved Boston, and on nearing the dock, almost the "first object that met our view was the portly form of "our Worshipful Master, whom I was rejoiced to see.

"Brethren, I thank you again for the great pleasure "you have given me in this reception, and also for "your handsome remembrance of Mrs. Murdock in "sending her that beautiful basket of fragrant flowers, "as well as for your patience in listening to my imperfect and hurried remarks."

The remarks of the Junior Warden were received with loud applause. Wor. Bro. James Swords, of Faith Lodge, Charlestown, was called up by the Worshipful Master, and said he was very happy in being present upon an occasion which honored one whom he had known personally and pleasantly for many years. It was pleasant to him to witness the great degree of good feeling that prevailed here, and it was a feature of Joseph Webb Lodge to cherish a great degree of fraternity among the brothers.

The District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Fuller, was detained by illness, but the Worshipful Master said that he was "ably represented by his Secretary of State, a Worshipful Brother who comes from the classic shades of Cambridge and is a great lover of poetry, and, though his modesty would not allow him to claim it, we can apply to him the language of Garth :

" 'Thou hast not faults, or I no faults can spy,
" 'Thou art all beauty, or all blindness I.'

" Without more words, in friendship's brightening glare
" Ope now your ears to Lafayette G. Blair."

Wor. Bro. Blair, of Mount Olivet Lodge of Cambridge, thus pleasantly introduced, made a happy response, and told many stories which proved very entertaining. He said the first time he ever saw Bro. Murdock was when he was Senior Deacon of the Lodge, and he thought he was the best Senior Deacon he had ever seen.

Wor. Bro. Fred. M. Briggs, of Lafayette Lodge, responded to a call, and said he had known Bro. Murdock a long time, and he could endorse every word that had been said about him, and particularly what the Worshipful Master who presided had said of his modesty. "I had known him very intimately for three years before I found out that he had been a soldier in the late war. His modesty is one of his distinguishing characteristics."

Wor. Bros. Brigham, Osgood, and Ham followed

with pleasing remarks, and Senior Warden Rowe offered his sentiments of regard for his junior.

Bro. Richard Tyner responded with a warm testimony of respect for Bro. Murdock, whose good character could not be too strongly endorsed. Bros. Williams and Cook entertained the brethren with happy remarks, and Bro. Littlefield gave a recitation, which was received with applause.

Bro. Whitcomb spoke warmly of Bro. Murdock, enlarged upon the principles of the order and the duties of Masons.

At half-past eleven, after three hours spent at the table, the brethren joined in singing "Home again from a foreign shore," and after passing a vote of thanks to Bro. Doolittle, representing the Chapter of Rose Croix, for his courtesy in resigning his right to the use of the banquet hall for this evening, and instructing the Secretary to notify Bro. Doolittle of this expression of fraternal gratitude, the brothers departed, well pleased with the entertainment of the evening.

During the festivities the following letter was read:—

WICHITA & WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY.

WICHITA, Kansas, October 18, 1885.

Sub Rosa: It is a pleasure to me to have received your invitation, although not able to attend on account of distance. It is an evidence that Joseph Webb Lodge never forgets even the least of its members.

With best wishes to Bro. Murdock,

Yours truly, T. C. WALES.

CHARITY FUND.

A feeling had been expressed by brethren of the Lodge that a fund of some kind should in some way be established which should be pledged to the holy work of charity, and which could, under no circumstances, be diverted from that object. This feeling was crystalized by a proposition submitted, in writing, by Bro. J. Waldo Denny, October 3, 1883, for the establishment of a "Reserved Fund," and to constitute Article VII. of the by-laws. The proposition was printed for distribution among the brethren, and laid upon the table for future consideration. Finally, after reference to a committee, the matter took form as a "Charity Fund," and was adopted June 2, 1886, by a vote, 28 being present, of yeas 25. This provision of the by-laws, being Article VII., may be found in the Appendix. It was approved by the Grand Lodge June 9, 1886. At a regular communication, September 1, 1886, trustees were elected as follows: Bro. Horatio H. Crawford for three years; Wor. Albro A. Osgood for two years, and Bro. Richard Tyner for one year. At the annual meeting, November 17, 1886, Bro. Crawford being disqualified by reason of election to the office of Junior Warden, Bro. Richard Tyner was elected to serve three years, and Wor. John F. Ham was elected to fill the unexpired term of two years. At the annual meeting, November 10, 1887, Wor. Albro A. Osgood was elected trustee for three years.

The first money received by the trustees was on

the 4th October, 1886, amounting to \$23.55. At the annual meeting of November 10, 1887, the amount held by the trustees was reported to be \$336.34, all of which had accumulated in a little more than a year. June 2, 1888, the amount had increased to \$460.63.

ADMINISTRATION OF WOR. BRO. ROWE.

Bro. Henry M. Rowe was elected Worshipful Master at the annual communication, November 17, 1886, and was installed on the same evening. He was re-elected at the annual Communication, November, 1887, and publicly installed by Most Worshipful Grand Master Endicott on the evening of December 30. During his term of two years, which is not terminated at the time of this writing, Bro. William E. Murdock was Senior Warden, and Bro. Horatio H. Crawford, Junior Warden.

During the second year of Wor. Bro. Rowe's term, the Lodge was deprived (from November, 1887,) of the able services of Bro. Francis A. Chase, Secretary. For nearly eleven years he has served as Secretary of the Lodge, bringing to its duties not only painstaking accuracy and minuteness of detail, but a beauty and evenness of record that few can excel. For many months he has been a patient sufferer, submitting to many painful surgical operations in the City Hospital. He has the warmest sympathy of all his brethren. Bro. C. C. Littlefield has served as Secretary *pro tem* during the disability of Bro. Chase.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Joseph Webb Lodge celebrated its tenth anniversary by a reception and dinner at the Tremont House, March 8, 1887. One hundred and twenty brethren and their ladies sat down to the well loaded tables. Among distinguished brethren present were his Honor Lieut. Gov. Brackett, representing the Commonwealth in the absence of the Governor, who was unavoidably detained; Hon. Charles Levi Woodbury, representing the Grand Lodge, the Most Worshipful Grand Master Endicott being absent in consequence of illness; Right Wor. Henry G. Fay, and Major and Past Master Stevens of Mt. Horeb Lodge.

The following circular was issued by a committee of brethren:—

JOSEPH WEBB LODGE.

Boston, December 30, 1886.

Brother,—The Tenth Anniversary of the Constitution of Joseph Webb Lodge occurs Tuesday, March 8, 1887. Arrangements have been made by a committee, duly appointed, to properly observe that occasion by a reception and grand banquet, to be provided by Brother Silas Gurney, at the Tremont House.

The programme as now arranged is, that a reception be held at five o'clock P.M., and the banquet be served at six o'clock. After the banquet an interesting entertainment will be furnished by the Temple Quartette and other talent. By vote of the committee, tickets will be sold *only* to members for themselves and ladies, till March 2. The price of

tickets is fixed at \$2.50 for each person, and they may be had of any member of the committee.

W. M. HENRY M. ROWE, 25 Kneeland St.
 WOR. BRO. ALBRO A. OSGOOD, 750 Washington St.
 WOR. BRO. DANIEL T. BRIGHAM, 25 Winter St.
 WOR. BRO. JOHN F. HAM, 159 Tremont St.
 WOR. BRO. J. WALDO DENNY, Custom House.
 BRO. WILLIAM E. MURDOCK, 155 Franklin St.
 BRO. HORATIO H. CRAWFORD, 13 Boylston Market.
 BRO. WILLIAM TYNER, Cor. Summer and Hawley Sts.
 BRO. GEORGE H. ROYAL, JR., Custom House.
 BRO. WILLIAM C. COOLEGE, 235 South St.
 BRO. JOHN A. CAMPBELL, 74 Trenton St., E. B.
 BRO. LEMUEL H. LANE, 57 Pinckney St.

Committee of Arrangements.

BRO. FRANCIS A. CHASE, *Secretary of Committee*,
 159 Tremont Street.

At 5 P.M. Wor. Henry M. Rowe received, assisted by his lady, Bro. William E. Murdock and wife, and Bro. H. H. Crawford and lady. The very full account of what followed is copied from the admirable records of the Secretary : —

"At 6.30, the members of the Lodge, their wives, "sisters, and sweethearts, headed by the Wor. Master, "Henry M. Rowe, and lady, marched to the banquet "hall. After being seated, Rev. Bro. L. V. Price "invoked a blessing upon the feast, and then all did "justice to the elegant viands provided by the proprie- "tors of the Tremont House.

"After two hours at the tables, Wor. Bro. Rowe "called to order and spoke as follows: 'Ladies and "'friends: Joseph Webb Lodge observes its tenth anni- "'versary this evening, and I bid you all a cordial

"' welcome to our gathering. We are honored by the
"' presence of several representatives of the Grand
"' Lodge, and we have with us his Honor the Lieuten-
"' ant Governor of the Commonwealth, who represents
"' the State in the forced absence of the Governor, who
"' expected to be present. I will not, however, occupy
"' more of your time, but will now present Wor. Bro.
"' J. Waldo Denny, who will serve us as toastmaster
"' this evening.'"

"' Wor. Bro. Denny spoke as follows : 'The authority
"' and power of the Worshipful Master of a Masonic
"' Lodge to do about as he pleases has never been suc-
"' cessfully called in question. As much as any poten-
"' tate sitting upon a throne, clothed in purple, the
"' Master of a Masonic Lodge is clothed with autocratic
"' power, and we find, many times to our disadvantage,
"' that his will is law and his commands are to be
"' obeyed. Hence it is that, with great diffidence, I
"' submit to the royal decree that compels me to act
"' officially here to-night. My embarrassment, how-
"' ever, is mitigated by the consideration that I am not
"' to make speeches. My duty will be to place others
"' upon our oratorial goat—to open the mouths of
"' those who will interest you by words of wisdom and
"' sparkling flashes of wit.

"' To-night we celebrate the tenth anniversary of the
"' formation of Joseph Webb Lodge. The Charter
"' granted us by the Grand Lodge bears date March
"' 8, 1877, and that date was the one hundredth anni-
"' versary of the installation of Joseph Webb, Jr., as

“Grand Master of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge,
“which position he occupied for eight years.

“We commenced our labors with about twenty
“craftsmen, well tried and true ; to-night, with a num-
“ber of losses by death and many more by removals,
“we have a list of one hundred and fifty live brethren
“who try to observe the moral precepts of Free Ma-
“sonry — who try to keep the faith transmitted to them
“from the Fathers, and to be faithful to the great les-
“sons taught in those beautiful symbols employed by
“us to point the way to purity and good works.
“We have also one officer who not only points the
“way but whose duty it is to inspire us by exam-
“ple to walk by the still waters, and finally lead us to
“the celestial world where the Supreme Ruler of the
“Universe presides. It gives me pleasure to ask him,
“our Reverend Chaplain, Bro. Price, to respond to
“the sentiment —

“Joseph Webb Lodge : May its members be true
“to the faith received from Masonic saints, and act
“worthy the name of Joseph Webb, whose name it
“bears.’

“Response by Rev. L. V. Price : ‘There are times
“in the life of an organization, as in the life of man,
“when it is wise and helpful to retrospect the past and
“predict the future. The traveller, when he gains the
“mountain top, pauses, looks back on the way he has
“come and forward along the way he is to go. In
“reaching his high outlook he may have crossed many
“a ravine, climbed many a rock, met many a diffi-
“culty, grown weary in limb and perplexed in mind,

“‘but now, as he looks abroad over the scene before
“‘him, all the hard past disappears and is forgotten in
“‘the richer experience of the hour and the larger
“‘hope for the future.

“‘As an organization, Joseph Webb Lodge reaches
“‘to-night a hill-top in its history ; and here we pause,
“‘with our mothers, sisters, wives, sweethearts, and
“‘honored guests, for a little retrospection, onward look,
“‘and the renewing of our strength. This Lodge came
“‘into existence ten years ago. The Dispensation was
“‘issued March 8, 1876. A twelvemonth later the
“‘Charter was granted, and bears date March 8, 1877.
“‘The Lodge was constituted on the 23d of the same
“‘month. This makes Joseph Webb the youngest but
“‘not the least of the lodges of our order in the city of
“‘Boston. There is no small praise in this statement.
“‘I know of no city of the size of Boston that can name
“‘within its borders a larger number of strong and emi-
“‘nent Masonic Lodges. For a young lodge to take
“‘rank in such company requires exceptional worth,
“‘wisdom, and energy on the part of its officers and
“‘members.

“‘Brother J. Elliot Bond was its first Worshipful Mas-
“‘ter. Since then it has had at its head Worshipful
“‘Brothers Hollace, Brigham, Osgood, Ham, and
“‘Denny, and our present presiding officer, Wor.
“‘Henry M. Rowe, all earnest, able men.

“‘The Lodge has made reputable progress in these
“‘ten years. It has gathered into its bosom, as you see
“‘by these present, a large company of faithful and
“‘honored brethren, and has won for itself no little

"' fame for the thoroughness and accuracy of its work.
"' There have been dark days, trial and struggle ; but
"' all is resolved into gladness and hope as we celebrate
"' to-night our tenth anniversary. As we look upon this
"' company and note the evidence of good feeling, we
"' are richly rewarded for all it has cost of effort and
"' sacrifice in the past to reach this hour and share in
"' these festivities.'

"The Reverend Chaplain then gave a summary of
"the organization of the Lodge, speaking of the adop-
"tion of its name with a glowing review of the life of
"Joseph Webb. He then continued : ' We, brethren,
"' are his monument. Let us, as members of a Lodge
"' that bears his name, perpetuate his memory, emulate
"' his virtues. The noblest monument ever raised above
"' the noble dead is a life and character inspired and
"' moulded by one's influence and example. . . . It is
"' said that the wise man improves the opportunity to
"' better himself, serve his brethren, and promote a good
"' cause. Is not ours a good cause? Certainly. There-
"' fore, brethren, members of Joseph Webb Lodge, as
"' suggested by Wor. Bro. Denny in his opening re-
"' marks, may we be careful to incarnate our Masonic
"' instructions and principles in our character, so that
"' the truth and grandeur of our order may more and
"' more appear as we ascend into the life and fellow-
"' ship of Him who presides over all the Brotherhood
"' in the Celestial Lodge above.

"' Now, just a word to the ladies who this night honor
"' us with their presence. Thrice welcome, noble and
"' fair women ! In the future I hope these festive occa-

“ ‘sions in which you shall share may more frequently
“ ‘occur. I believe in them. We owe it to ourselves as
“ ‘well as to you to meet often together for a social hour.
“ ‘Your society restores the equilibrium of our social
“ ‘nature, adds a certain polish and tenderness to our
“ ‘manner, and calls to the front the better impulses of
“ ‘our life. Your approving smile or encouraging word
“ ‘cheers us on to noble deeds. It shall ever be our
“ ‘purpose as true Masons and members of Joseph Webb
“ ‘Lodge, to prove ourselves men, the defenders of your
“ ‘honor, the advocates of your womanly rights. All
“ ‘hail the noble women of our land ! the light and joy
“ ‘of the home, the instructor and guide of the young,
“ ‘the first and foremost in reform, the strength and
“ ‘hope of the Republic. All hail !’

“The remarks of the Chaplain were received with
“much satisfaction. This was followed by a humor-
“ous recitation by M. R. Day and singing by the
“Temple Quartette.

“The toastmaster then spoke as follows : —

“ ‘Free Masonry was fully established in Massachu-
“ ‘setts as early as 1733. On the tenth day of July of
“ ‘that year, the Grand Lodge of England established a
“ ‘Provincial Grand Lodge in Boston, known as St.
“ ‘John’s Grand Lodge. Henry Price was commis-
“ ‘sioned its first Grand Master. Another Masonic
“ ‘body was established in Boston by the Grand Lodge
“ ‘of Scotland, called the Lodge of St. Andrew. The
“ ‘year when this Lodge was established is in dispute.
“ ‘It was in 1752 or 1756. Our Right Wor. Bro.
“ ‘Woodbury gives the latter year as the correct date.

“ . . . Joseph Webb was initiated in the Lodge of St.
“ Andrew in 1756 and took membership. In 1758 he
“ received the degree of Master Mason, taking that
“ degree in what was known as the Right Worshipful
“ Lodge of Masters, which was founded January 2,
“ 1739. In 1771, Joseph Webb was appointed by
“ Grand Master Joseph Warren to be Deputy Grand
“ Master, and he served as such until the memorable
“ death of Grand Master Warren on June 17, 1775.’

“ After reviewing the Masonic life of Joseph Webb,
“ who became the first Grand Master of the Independ-
“ ent Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, he gave the next
“ sentiment, —

“ ‘The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachu-
“ setts: Created an independent body amid the stir-
“ ring events of the American Revolution, may it
“ always be as true to the principles of our great Fra-
“ ternity as its early members were loyal to American
“ liberty.’

“ Response by Right Wor. Charles Levi Woodbury,
“ who expressed his great pleasure in being present at
“ the anniversary of the youngest lodge in the city of
“ Boston. ‘It seems hardly possible that you should so
“ soon have reached a membership of 150, but the good
“ cheer shown here to-night proves that the same con-
“ cord prevails in the Lodge, and the principles incul-
“ cated have conduced to bring this to pass. The ben-
“ efcial effects of Free Masonry during revolutionary
“ times was felt by the world at large, liberty, equal-
“ ity, and fraternity being its foundation stones, and

" 'toleration for the rights of others one of its distinct-
" 'ive features.'

" The Temple Quartette followed with a fine selec-
" tion, and the toastmaster gave the next sentiment, —

" 'The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, claiming
" 'no greater distinction than that she produces men, —

" 'High-minded men,

" 'With powers as far above dull brutes endued

" 'As beasts excel cold rocks and brambles rude: —

" 'Men who their duties know,

" 'But know their rights, and knowing, dare maintain."

" Response by Lieut. Gov. John Q. A. Brackett :

" 'I cannot make any elaborate speech, but am glad
" 'to express my enjoyment of the occasion. All present
" 'are loyal to the State, proud of its past and present,
" 'and, believe me, our State has produced men and
" 'women of whom we may be proud. To-night the
" 'State is properly subordinate to Free Masonry, the
" 'oldest of the so-called mystic orders, and to-day em-
" 'bracing all nations of the earth in its union. There
" 'is much in its principles and precepts to satisfy and
" 'gratify us. It teaches human brotherhood, uniting
" 'mankind more and more by its pleasant ties. Mystic
" 'orders are increasing, and he who has not joined some
" 'society of the kind is behind the times. 'In union is
" 'strength.' Rejoice in the propagation of all true
" 'principles and live up to them, thus doing the State
" 'and mankind a noble service. On behalf of the
" 'State I thank you for your kind attention.'

" The next sentiment was to the 'Second Masonic
" 'District, comprising the best of Boston, the culture

"' of Cambridge, and the patriotism of Bunker Hill ; it
"' bears the palm for good work in the jurisdiction of
"' Massachusetts.'

" Response was made briefly by Right Wor. Franklin
W. Hopkins, District Deputy Grand Master.

" The next sentiment was —

" 'The universality of Free Masonry : Limited by no
"' national lines, compressed by no creeds, hampered
"' by no political platforms, our Fraternity comprises the
"' great body of Master Masons, however dispersed
"' throughout the world.'

" Response by Wor. Charles W. Stevens, Past Mas-
ter of Mt. Horeb Lodge of Woburn, who recited a
" poem containing many pleasant and interesting allu-
" sions suitable to the occasion.

" The toastmaster then spoke as follows : —

" 'Thus far the exercises have been conducted with
"' that sobriety and dignity characteristic of our Lodge ;
"' but Masonry is universal, all kinds of birds rest on our
"' perch, the grave and the gay, the lame and the lazy.
"' By the way, Brothers, did you ever hear that sweet
"' songster, our much cherished Right Wor. Bro. Fay,
"' sing? He can beat all the crows in Massachusetts by
"' three notes and a caw, especially when he is hungry.
"' Did you ever read Drake's 'Culprit Fay'? This is
"' the same culprit, but he is not the same Fay. Per-
"' haps I should have called upon him before — he asked
"' me to, but I declined out of respect to our Chaplain.
"' We hold the ministry in high regard, and always re-
"' gret to see it in *questionable* society, and that is the

"'reason our Brother Fay has had to wait. He will
 "'now gladly respond to the sentiment, —

"'The universe: May it accept the greetings of
 "'Joseph Webb Lodge.'

"'Right Wor. Bro. Fay may respond by speech or
 "'song; in the mean time the Brethren of the Lodge
 "'are called from refreshment to labor.'

"Right Wor. Bro. Fay made a most fitting and humorous response, concluding with words of excellent advice."

We regret that the Secretary did not report the reply of R. Wor. Bro. Fay *in extenso*. It would be unfair, however, to expect Bro. Chase to accomplish the impossible. It is enough to say that Bro. Fay, as usual, gave his Rowland for the toastmaster's Oliver.

A letter of regret was read from his Excellency Governor Ames, and the exercises were brought to a close at a late hour.

The following ladies and gentlemen occupied seats at the tables: —

Henry M. Rowe and lady.

William E. Murdock and wife.

H. H. Crawford and lady.

William Tyner and wife.

Francis A. Chase and wife.

Rev. L. V. Price and wife.

D. T. Brigham and wife.

Albro A. Osgood and wife.

John F. Ham.

J. Waldo Denny and wife.

Charles Levi Woodbury and lady.

Lieut. Gov. Brackett and wife.

Henry G. Fay, wife, and daughter.

James Robertson and wife.

Edward C. Almy.

A. Vining.

H. A. Sosley.

Charles Brigham.

C. D. Smith and wife.

Robert T. Almy.

John H. Woodman and lady.

William C. Cooledge.

F. W. Hopkins and wife.

C. W. Stevens and wife.

John D. Campbell and wife.

Thomas N. Cook and wife.

George H. Royal, Jr.	W. C. French and wife.
J. E. Robinson, Jr.	H. V. Hayward and wife.
S. B. Hopkins, 2d, and lady.	C. C. Littlefield and wife.
Vine D. Baldwin and wife.	Ezra Marble, Jr., and lady.
John H. Capstick.	O. C. Pullen and wife.
Horace M. Ford.	A. C. J. Pope and wife.
Joseph O. Hayden and wife.	D. L. Rand and wife.
J. S. Keller and wife.	Adam M. Ross.
Lemuel H. Lane.	William H. Stacy and wife.
J. Mitchell and wife.	E. M. Springer and wife.
E. C. Paige and wife.	W. J. Scott and wife.
Moody Quimby and wife.	Richard Tyner and wife.
Edwin Rice and wife.	Henry M. White.
Dr. G. E. Stackpole and wife.	W. C. Whitcomb and lady.
A. W. Strauss and wife.	W. B. Everett.
Robert Smith.	M. R. Day.
William F. Tyner.	W. R. Bateman,
Eugene C. Upton and wife.	F. F. Webber,
Joseph P. Whitmore and wife.	H. A. Cook,
William H. Williams and lady.	A. C. Ryder,

} Temple Quartette.

THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S TESTIMONIAL.

On Tuesday evening, April 26, 1887, desiring to recognize the assistance he had received from the officers and brethren of the Lodge, Wor. Master Rowe invited the Officers, Past Masters, and brethren who had assisted as Craftsmen in the work of the Master's Degree, to meet him at dinner, which was provided at Young's Hotel. Right Wor. Bro. Hopkins, District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District, honored the Wor. Master with his presence. The occasion was entirely informal, and good-cheer abounded. After some hours spent in discussing the menu, which was very elaborate, speeches followed from all present, which only went to prove what has often been said

that Joseph Webb brethren are all orators. Music was improvised for the occasion, and, with the assistance of Bro. John H. Woodman at the piano, and the guidance of Bro. Whitcomb in vocalization, such music was produced as would have soothed a savage had one been present.

HONORS IN MALDEN.

During 1886, a new Masonic Lodge in Malden, known as Converse Lodge, commenced work under Dispensation from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. At its head was Wor. F. J. Foss, well known in Masonic circles for his untiring energy and zeal. From him and the brethren of his Lodge came an invitation to the officers of Joseph Webb Lodge to confer the Master's Degree upon their candidates at Masonic Hall in Malden, on Monday evening, May 23, 1887.

The invitation was accepted, and the Master and brethren of Converse Lodge made it a most interesting occasion for the brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge who united with the Worshipful Master and officers in this visit to Malden.

Upon arrival of the Lodge, fraternal greetings were heartily offered, and both lodges with many brethren from other lodges sat down to a most generous banquet. The inner man being satisfied, Converse Lodge formally received the Worshipful Master and brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge, the officers of the latter being conducted to their respective stations, whereupon a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form.

The programme for the evening was as follows :—

CONVERSE LODGE, MALDEN.

MONDAY EVENING, May 23, 1887.

THIRD DEGREE

Exemplified by Joseph Webb Lodge, of Boston, assisted by the Past Masters.

The first section will be worked by Henry M. Rowe, Worshipful Master. The first and second candidates will be raised by Wor. Bro. Daniel T. Brigham ; the third and fourth by Wor. Bro. A. A. Osgood ; the fifth by Wor. Bro. John F. Ham, who will work the section in full. The lecture and charge will be delivered by Wor. Bro. J. Waldo Denny.

The following music will be rendered by the Oxford Quartette, F. H. Norris, first tenor, C. W. Walton, second tenor, G. H. Munroe, first bass, T. R. Parris, second bass ; William H. Gerrish, organist :—

1. "When the weary seeking rest" W. H. Gerrish.
2. "Remember now thy Creator" . . . Rhodes.
3. "Father, whose hand" . . . W. H. Gerrish.
4. "Thou from whom we never part" Gottschalk.
5. Evening Hymn . . . W. H. Gerrish.
6. Morning Song . . . W. H. Gerrish.
7. "Requiem Æternam" . . . L. Hellwig.
8. Closing Serenade . . . Franz Abt.

The Lodge closed soon after eleven o'clock, and at 11.30 the brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge, and other visiting brethren, returned to Boston upon a special train placed at their service. The occasion called

together four hundred Masonic brethren, and will be long remembered by those so fortunate as to be present.

MEMBERS DECEASED.

Hawthorne most beautifully expressed an idea of death: that "It is so genuine a fact that it excludes falsehoods, or betrays its emptiness."

Twelve times since the constitution of Joseph Webb Lodge, pale Death has entered our portals and removed those who were loved and honored among us.

The first called was Brother Sylvester L. Davis, who was raised in our Lodge, December 5, 1877. He was a most exemplary young man, and highly esteemed by those who had formed his intimate acquaintance. He died November 11, 1879.

Brother Julius A. Greene, the second to leave us, died February 18, 1881. He was raised in Joseph Warren Lodge, and was a charter member of Joseph Webb Lodge. He had taken a deep interest in our organization, and for the first two terms held an official position in the Lodge.

The third death was that of our Junior Warden, Brother William H. Whitcomb, occurring August 5, 1881. His sickness was short, his final departure sudden. He was a young and promising star in the Masonic firmament. He was raised in St. John's Lodge, April 7, 1873, taking membership in Joseph Webb Lodge, May 2, 1878. His nature was genial, his disposition happy, his death most sincerely lamented. Like a bright meteor he had been thrown among his

fellows. We saw him, as it were, meteorlike, speeding among the stars, and ere we could count the number of his years, we heard his sudden plunge into the grave, and *there was no Light in the South!* He was buried at Mt. Auburn with Masonic honors, the Lodge being present in a body.

The fourth death occurred soon after. Brother William Trower, the faithful Sentinel of the Lodge, died after a short illness, August 26, 1881. He was a modest, unassuming brother; there was no base metal in his composition. In every attribute of true manhood, he was golden. On a quiet Sunday, as the sun was low in the west, the brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge stood with uncovered heads around his open grave in beautiful Forest Hills. The lessons and prayers of our Masonic Ritual were recited over his bier, and the brethren of another fraternity tenderly gave him the tribute of their affection, and then the earth covered the fourth brother of Joseph Webb Lodge who had gone to that bourne whence no traveller returns —

“ Who had crossed the languid river,
Who had paid the last obole;
Day for him had set forever,
He had won the mystic goal.”

The fifth brother to be laid away was Brother Seth Perkins, who died October 6, 1883, at the residence of his daughter in Winchester. His sickness was only a few minutes in duration. He was a charter member of the Lodge, and the funeral was conducted under its auspices, R. W. Rev. Bro. Dadmun officiating as Chaplain. Brother Perkins was devoted to the prin-

ciples of Masonry, and was loved by all the brethren who knew him personally.

The sixth death occurred December 3, 1883, that of Wor. Bro. J. Elliot Bond, who died at his residence, Winter Hill, Somerville, after a distressing illness of many weeks. The historical sketch of Joseph Webb Lodge bears the imprint of the Masonic work of Wor. Brother Bond. A charter member, and the first Master of the Lodge, he had from the first exhibited a strong love for its work, in the perfection of which he had accomplished so much, and during his illness his pains were alleviated and his spirits sustained by the constant attentions of the brethren, and by the manifestations of their cordial good-will and fraternal regards. The Lodge attended his obsequies in a body, and brethren of the Lodge, selected for that purpose, tenderly placed him in his grave at Mount Hope Cemetery.

The seventh death was that of Brother John G. Noyes, who died at the residence of his parents in Burlington, New Hampshire, May 12, 1884. He was raised in Joseph Webb Lodge, September 7, 1881. His business, that of travelling salesman, deprived him of the pleasure of frequent attendance at our communications, but those who knew him intimately honored him with their warmest love. He was a young man highly esteemed where he was best known. He died after a long and wasting sickness, and was buried among his kindred.

Brother Seth B. Cushing was the eighth member of our Lodge to pass away, May 13, 1885. While at-

tending to his duties as engineer in the city of Boston, he became entangled in the belting and was suddenly killed. He was raised as Master Mason in Adelphi Lodge, April 1, 1869, and became a charter member of Joseph Webb Lodge. The principles of Free Masonry had a great influence in moulding the character of Brother Cushing, and he was an active member of our organization. His obsequies were attended from his residence in Hingham, a delegation from Joseph Webb Lodge and the members of Old Colony Lodge of Hingham being present. Assembled around his open grave, by invitation of the family, Wor. Bro. Denny rendered the Masonic burial service, prefacing the same with remarks appropriate to the occasion.

The ninth death was that of Bro. W. W. Colburn, who was raised in Joseph Webb Lodge, April 4, 1883. He died in New York city in 1886, and was buried there by Masonic brethren of that city.

Brother Daniel Jenkins, who was raised in Joseph Webb Lodge, February 7, 1883, died at his residence in Malden, August 3, 1887. He was buried with Masonic honors by the members of the Royal Arch Chapter in Malden, of which he was a member.

Brother J. Frank Miles is the eleventh deceased member upon our list. He was raised in Joseph Webb Lodge, March 23, 1877, and for some years took an active part in the work of the Lodge. He died at his residence in Somerville, January 4, 1888, and his funeral was attended by a delegation from the Lodge.

Brother Moody Quimby was the twelfth member of our Lodge to pass away. He was an initiate of Union

Lodge of Dorchester, and demitted from that branch of our order February 5, 1884. He was received in Joseph Webb Lodge, January 7, 1887. He was a man of sterling character, who made many warm friends. He was connected for many years with the police force of the Boston department, and was distinguished for the faithful and discreet performance of his duties. After a severe illness at the Massachusetts General Hospital, he passed away February 25, 1888. His funeral was at the Bulfinch Place Chapel, on February 28, attended by the Worshipful Master and a goodly delegation of the brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge, two of whom assisted as pallbearers. The chapel was crowded with people, and the services were very solemnly conducted by Rev. Mr. Winkley, the Temple Quartette rendering very fine music. The burial service of the Odd Fellows was rendered over his body. Our late brother was laid away at Forest Hills.

MASONIC TEMPLE.

Before concluding our historical sketch of Joseph Webb Lodge, we have thought some allusion to the place of holding the regular and special communications might be interesting, at least in future years, to those who shall come after us, especially so if, by the lapse of time or the devastations of fire, the present Masonic Temple shall be laid waste and destroyed. In our historical researches we have found nothing more interesting than such accounts as were at hand of the ancient halls used by the fraternity. Many of these are meagre, and in some cases no descriptions

whatever can be found of the places where our Masonic brethren assembled in fraternal harmony.

The lodges of Boston proper, thirteen in number, including "Joseph Webb," hold all communications in Masonic Temple located upon the corner of Tremont and Boylston streets, the site of the former location of the Winthrop House, the upper part of which was occupied by the Masonic Fraternity, and which was destroyed by fire April 5, 1865.

A very large revenue is derived by the Grand Lodge from Boston subordinate lodges occupying the Temple for Masonic purposes. Indeed, it is this revenue thus derived from Boston lodges that has enabled the Grand Lodge to meet its liabilities in times of monetary depression, making a tax upon the former which has been considered far too excessive to enable them to conform to such rules of economy as prudence would dictate, or such as can be adopted by sister lodges outside the metropolis.

The communications of Joseph Webb Lodge are held in

SUTTON HALL,

named in honor of Gen. William Sutton, late of Peabody, a former well-known and distinguished Mason, Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, who died April 18, 1882, at the age of 81 years.

We are indebted to the "Memorial Dedication of Masonic Temple," a work prepared by Bro. William D. Stratton, for architectural phrases and many details enabling us to give a somewhat minute description of this elegant apartment.

Sutton Hall, located in the northeasterly corner of the Temple, upon the second floor, is a beautifully proportioned room in the Corinthian style of architecture, seventy feet in length, forty feet wide, and twenty-two feet high. It is finished with attached columns with pedestals, dentil and modillion cornice and coved ceiling.

In the east are three projecting canopies which rise above three elaborately carved chairs. On the dome of the centre canopy is the figure of Justice, supported on the right and left by two figures, one holding a book, the other a tablet, representing Education and Intelligence. Above the canopy is a representation of the Rising Sun. Over the chair in the South we see the Meridian Sun, and over the chair in the West we observe the Setting Sun, indicating the Masonic duties devolving upon the three principal officers of a lodge.

In front of these three positions are placed the Ionic, Doric, and Corinthian pillars, which are perfect specimens in all their original purity, and mathematically correct, of these three orders in architecture. In each of the four corners of the hall, forming a prominent feature, is a niche with columns and a circular pediment. In these niches are placed four allegorical statues in marble, representing Faith, Hope, Charity, and Wisdom, the gift of the late General Sutton. Above the niches are four portraits, Washington, Warren, Franklin, and Lafayette, each of them formerly eminent in the Masonic fraternity. These portraits were painted by Bro. E. T. Billings, and by

him generously donated to the Grand Lodge. In the West are four columns similar to those in the East, which form a screen for the organ. The side walls are divided into panels by seven columns, the centre space on the South side bearing a projecting pediment with a cornice and draperies represented in fresco beneath. On the opposite side is a representation of Tacita, the Goddess of Silence, with the motto at the base, "Audi, Vide, Tace,"—Hear, observe, and be silent.

A beautiful work of art is the centre-piece in the ceiling, an allegorical representation of the Genius of Masonry, the conception of the late R.W. Charles W. Moore, formerly Recording Grand Secretary. It is embodied in the form of a beautiful female floating through the air, holding in her right hand the Square, and in her left the Plumb-line, which depends from the ceiling. Attendant on this figure, and gracefully floating upon the clouds, are two cherubs, one bearing an Olive-branch, the other the decalogue on a parchment scroll. Above the figures floating through space, appear the Moon and Stars, while a Comet is seen performing its revolution through a deep-blue sky. The execution of this picture is unsurpassed in its effective beauty and artistic excellence. No words of description which we can employ are equal to depict the artistic merits of this work of art, the beauty of which can only be realized through the medium of sight.

On entering Sutton Hall, the most noticeable feature is the long line of portraits of Past Grand Masters and

other works of art, generously contributed to the Grand Lodge. A brief sketch of these may prove of interest.

The portraits are of JOSEPH WARREN, Grand Master, 1769-1775, copied from the original painted for Governor Hancock by the distinguished artist John Singleton Copley; JOHN WARREN, M.D., brother of the preceding, Grand Master in 1782, '83, and '87, from the original by Rembrandt Pearle, in possession of John Collins Warren, M.D., copy by Miss E. M. Carpenter; MOSES MICHAEL HAYES, Grand Master, 1788-91; PAUL REVERE, Grand Master, 1794-96, from the original by Gilbert Stuart painted in 1813, and copied by Miss Stuart, a daughter of the artist; JOSIAH BARTLETT., M.D., Grand Master, 1797, '98, and '99; TIMOTHY BIGELOW, Grand Master, 1805-7, 1810-12, presented March 14, 1877, by R.W. Charles A. Welch; ISAIAH THOMAS, Grand Master, 1802-4, 1808, presented by Morning Star Lodge of Worcester, June 9, 1875; SAMUEL P. P. FAY, Grand Master, 1819, presented by Miss Maria D. Fay, of Cambridge, June 12, 1872; JOHN DIXWELL, Grand Master, 1820-22, presented by Geo. B. Dixwell, Esq., his son, September 9, 1874; JOHN ABBOT, Grand Master, 1823-5, 1833, presented by brethren of John Abbot Lodge of Somerville, September 9, 1874; JOSHUA B. FLINT, M.D., Grand Master, 1834-36, the property of Columbian Lodge of Boston; SIMON W. ROBINSON, Grand Master, 1845-47, presented by Mt. Lebanon Lodge, Boston, December 9, 1874; EDWARD A. RAYMOND, Grand Master, 1848-50, presented by his widow, Mrs. Eliza

T. Raymond, June 11, 1873; WINSLOW LEWIS, M.D., Grand Master, 1854-5, 1859, presented by R.W. Bro. Lewis; JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master, 1856-58, presented by R.W. Bro. Heard; WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, Grand Master, 1860-61, property of Columbian Lodge; WILLIAM PARKMAN, Grand Master, 1862-64, presented by Lodge of St. Andrew, Boston, March, 1871; CHARLES C. DAME, Grand Master, 1865-67, presented by Revere Lodge of Boston; WILLIAM S. GARDNER, Grand Master, 1868-70, presented by brethren in Lowell, September 9, 1874; SERENO D. NICKERSON, Grand Master, 1871-73, presented by Winslow Lewis Lodge, June 14, 1874; PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, Grand Master, 1874-76, presented by R.W. Bro. Everett, June 14, 1882; CHARLES A. WELCH, Grand Master, 1877-79, presented by R.W. Bro. Welch, June 14, 1882. Portraits of the two last Grand Masters, SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE and ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, Jr., occupy appropriate places on the walls.

A fine marble bust of Charles W. Moore, Recording Grand Secretary from 1833 to 1866, chiselled by Martin Milmore, and presented by the Lodge of St. Andrew, December 13, 1871, occupies a conspicuous place near the southeast corner of the hall, and another, by an Italian artist, of Gen. William Sutton, presented by R.W. Bro. Lewis, M.D., is located upon the opposite side. At the head of the main stairway entrance is a marble statue of Gen. Joseph Warren, depicting him as he appeared at Bunker Hill. It was executed by Henry Dexter, and presented to the

Grand Lodge by R.W. Bro. Otis E. Weld, December 13, 1876.

In Sutton Hall is a portrait of the late Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, who was Deputy Grand Master in 1861. It was painted by Bro. E. T. Billings.

In the anteroom is a fine portrait of Josiah Baldwin, Grand Tyler from 1822 to 1852, presented by his son-in-law, R.W. Bro. Peter C. Jones; also the portrait of Bro. Thomas Waterman, Secretary for over forty years of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, which is the property of that Lodge; also a life-size portrait of Wor. Bro. William C. Martin, which was painted by Bro. J. Harvey Young and presented to the Grand Lodge by brethren of Boston Lodges.

BIOGRAPHY OF JOSEPH WEBB, Jr.,

AND SKETCH OF FREE MASONRY OF HIS TIME.

Having briefly recited the facts concerning the origin and work of Joseph Webb Lodge, we now turn to a consideration of such items as have been attainable in regard to the life of Joseph Webb, Jr., in whose honor this Lodge was named. Only those who have knowledge by practical experience in delving into the worn and musty records of past generations can fully appreciate the difficulties of the task

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Webb, Jr.", with elaborate flourishes extending from the letters.

AUTOGRAPH OF JOSEPH WEBB, JR.

which, by the resolution before stated, this Lodge requested its committee to perform.

In this research into the almost perished records, having on them the gray dust of more than a hundred years, we are influenced by no wish to gain honor to ourselves because of noble progenitors; and, while we rejoice that we can attach the name of Joseph Webb to our Masonic escutcheon, we claim no virtue for that attachment other than that we may claim by reason of our own deservings. To give the idea of Bulwer without claiming to use the exact words which he makes Rienzi utter to the people of Rome, we may claim a sanctity in the past, but only because of the chronicles it retains—chronicles of the progress of mankind in civilization, liberty, and knowledge. Could Joseph Webb speak to us here and now, could all our ancestors who look down upon us from the mouldy ages gone, join him in utterance, speaking, their voices would teach us to augment their heritage, improve by their experience, preserve their virtues, and avoid their errors. These are the true uses of the past. If we can find nothing to boast of among Masons save that we bear the honored name of Joseph Webb, adopting the language of Sir Thomas Overburg, we may say of ourselves that we are like a potato—the only good belonging to us is under ground.

In our researches we have been enabled to reach one conclusion: that a century ago the Webb family was numerous. The name of Joseph Webb often appears in the genealogical records of the early years

of the eighteenth century. Without being able to fix the grandparents of our Joseph Webb, or to state definitely whether he sprang from the Webb stock of Salem on the North shore, or of Quincy and Braintree on the South shore, we can affirm positively that he was the son of Joseph and Abigail Webb, and was born in Boston, October 28, 1734. The Webb family was usually prolific. Whatever else the pioneer Webbs may have failed to accomplish, they did not omit an observance of the divine command to "be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth." Joseph Webb, Jr., had fourteen brothers and sisters. Seven of them died in infancy or in early childhood, and probably only two of this large family of fifteen children survived at the time of the death of the junior Joseph Webb. At the age of twenty-five years he married Penelope Phillips, of Marshfield, Mass. The date of the marriage is not known, but it is presumed that it occurred early in November, 1759, as we find that the publication of the bans of intended marriage was of date October 11, 1759, and, as the State law at that period required the publication to be made at least three weeks before the solemnization of marriage, it is presumable that Joseph Webb, Jr., who was a law-abiding citizen, observed the law in that behalf made and provided, and so we may further presume that he consummated his intentions at or about the time permitted by the statutes, which would fix his marriage near the second day of November, 1759.

Turn we now to the Masonic history of Joseph Webb, Jr.

His Masonic life commenced before his marriage, and thus he started correctly in the path of life; he sought for and received *light* before he looked for a companion with whom to share the weal and woe, prosperity and adversity of the earthly pilgrimage.

Joseph Webb, Jr., received initiation in the Lodge of St. Andrew in 1756, at the age of twenty-two years. It is very likely that Dr. Warren (Joseph Warren) and Joseph Webb, Jr., were the earliest initiates at the altar of St. Andrew.

In this connection it is proper to state that until 1733 there was no regularly warranted or chartered Masonic body formed in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay. During that year (July 30, 1733) the Grand Lodge of England established a provincial Grand Lodge in Boston, known as St. John's Grand Lodge, and commissioned Henry Price as Grand Master. Immediately thereafter Henry Price granted a warrant to "St. John's Lodge" in Boston.

About twenty years after the establishment of the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. John's, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, over which Lord Aberdour presided as Grand Master, chartered another Masonic body in Boston under the name of the

LODGE OF ST. ANDREW.

The date of this action may be disputed. Dr. Mackey says St. Andrew's Lodge was chartered in 1752, and the historical work of Rev. Thaddeus M.

Harris, published in 1798, gives the date November 30, 1752. R.W. Charles Levi Woodbury, in his address before the Massachusetts Grand Lodge at the Centennial Celebration, March 8, 1877, says the event occurred in 1756, four years later. Be that as it may, in 1769 the Lodge of St. Andrew, assisted by three travelling lodges in the British army (according to Mackey) organized a

GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT MASONS

in Massachusetts, and upon the petition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master, Dr. Joseph Warren was commissioned Grand Master.

Joseph Webb, Jr., after his initiation in the Lodge of St. Andrew, took membership therein. He did not receive the degree of Master Mason until two years afterwards, to wit, in 1758, taking the obligation in what was known as the Right Worshipful Lodge of Masters in Boston, founded January 2, 1739 (Harris' History, page 166).

EXPLANATIONS.

This historical sketch touches upon two matters that require explanation; first, under what circumstances were two Grand Lodges established in Boston; and second, under what system of rules and regulations was it proper for Joseph Webb, Jr., to receive *membership* in a lodge *before* taking the degree of Master Mason, a custom entirely at variance with present practice.

Upon the first point we explain that *two* Grand Lodges existed in Great Britain, one called Ancient, the other Modern. In 1738 a body of Masons in England seceded from the regular Grand Lodge, for the reason, as was alleged, that the Grand Lodge (as stated by Thory) "had introduced innovations, altering the rituals, and suppressing many of the ceremonies which had long been in use." The seceding brethren adopted the name of Ancient York Masons, and soon after declared themselves independent, assuming the appellation, as Mackey says, "to indicate their adhesion to ancient forms." They gave the name of "Modern Masons" to the brethren from whom they seceded, because, as was contended, they had adopted new forms and usages. The seceders established a new Grand Lodge in London. This division continued until 1813, when the two bodies, consequent upon the efforts of the Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the Ancient or York Grand Lodge, united under the title of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England.

Upon the second point, we explain that in 1756, one degree constituted Free Masonry, upon taking which, membership was granted. Mackey says, in his *Encyclopædia of Free Masonry* (page 210), "It is now the opinion of the best scholars that the division of the Masonic system into degrees was the work of the revivalists of the beginning of the 18th century." Again, the same authority says, "In 1717 the whole body of the Fraternity consisted only of Entered Apprentices;" again, "In the old charges collected

"by Anderson and approved in 1722, the degree of Fellow Craft is introduced as being a necessary qualification for Grand Master, although the word degree is not used ;" again, "Perhaps about 1721, the three degrees were introduced, but the Second and Third were not perfected for many years. Even as late as 1735, the Entered Apprentice degree contained the most prominent form of initiation, and he who was an Apprentice, was, for all practical purposes, a Free Mason. It was not until repeated improvements, by the adoption of new ceremonies and new regulations, that the degree of Master Mason took the place which it now occupies, having been confined at first to those who had passed the chair."

These subjects cleared up, we may intelligently pursue the thread of our biography of Joseph Webb, Jr.

As before stated, he received initiation and membership in the Lodge of St. Andrew in 1756, took his degree of Master Mason in 1758, being then twenty-four years of age. He served as Secretary of the Masters' Lodge, and served one year as Worshipful Master of the Lodge of St. Andrew during the term of 1765-6.

According to the Free Masons' Monthly Magazine, vol. xv., page 169, edited by that late distinguished Masonic historian, Charles W. Moore, Joseph Webb, Jr., was appointed by Grand Master Joseph Warren in 1771 to be Deputy Grand Master, he being then thirty-seven years of age ; he served as Deputy Grand Master to the time of the memorable death of the Grand Master, June 17, 1775.

From the address of the M.W. Grand Master, Percival Lowell Everett, to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in 1877, we gather the information that on the 27th of December, 1776, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts celebrated the feast of St. John the Evangelist at Free Masons' Hall, R.W. Joseph Webb, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

Another incident of some interest connected with Deputy Grand Master Webb is the following memorandum from the records of the Grand Lodge, under date of November 1, 1773. [For this and other interesting items from Grand Lodge Records and other sources, we are under obligations to R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, who is much interested in historic researches and who is an intelligent student of genealogical records.]

The memorandum referred to indicates that Joseph Webb, Jr., practised the true masonic virtue of generosity, though we are not able to state, from any researches made, what kind of glassware constituted "Masons' glasses," or for what purpose they were used. Let the wisdom of future ages solve the problem.

"At a meeting of the Massachusetts Lodge, at Con-
cert Hall, Nov. 1, 1773, third night in the quarter, —

"The Deputy Grand Master, Joseph Webb, having
"presented the Lodge with three Doz. Masons' Glasses,
"praying their acceptance of the same,

"Voted, the thanks of this Lodge be given the Dep.
"G'd Master, and a copy of the same be transmitted
"to him by the Secretary."

If some of the items from the ancient records of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge seem unimportant, a second thought may induce the belief that no matter of a historical character can be deemed too small to enter into a truthful narrative which is intended to give us an insight into the character and acts of the chief worker of the period depicted. In this connection we may cite the words of R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson in a recent note to the writer in regard to items from ancient Grand Lodge records: "They will be of interest" because at this late period even the most trivial matter is worth preserving, and sometimes an apparently unimportant item suggests or develops something of real value. Historians must often content themselves with being regarded as collectors of 'unconsidered trifles.'"

FROM ANCIENT GRAND LODGE RECORDS.

Through the courtesy and painstaking labor of R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, Grand Secretary, we are able to give many interesting details found in the records of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which cannot fail to be interesting to all students of Masonic history. The following items refer to Joseph Webb, Jr., and contain a brief sketch of his Masonic life:—

Dec. 27, 1769. Nominated by the Most Worshipful Grand Master (Joseph Warren), and unanimously elected Grand Marshal.

Jan. 12, 1770. Acted as Senior Grand Warden *pro tem.*

March 2, 1770. Acted as Senior Grand Warden *pro tem.*

March 2, 1770. Chosen chairman of a committee "to prepare a body of Laws for the regulation of the Grand Lodge."

May 13, 1770. Acted as J.G.W. *pro tem.*

June 1, 1770. Acted as S.G.W., chosen a member of a committee "to prepare an estimate of the necessities for the Grand Lodge." A new committee was chosen "to prepare a Body of By-Laws for the regulation of the Grand Lodge," Joseph Webb being named fifth and last.

Aug. 10, 1770. Acted as Deputy Grand Master at the constituting of Massachusetts Lodge.

Oct. 14, 1770. Acted as Deputy Grand Master.

Dec. 7, 1770. Acted as S.G.W.

Dec. 27, 1770. Acted as G.M. Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

March 1, 1771. Acted as S.G.W. *pro tem.* Appointed to that office by the Grand Master.

June 7, 1771. Present as S.G.W.

Dec. 6, 1771. Present as S.G.W. "The Grand Master then acquainted the Grand Lodge that he appointed Right Worshipful Joseph Webb Deputy Grand Master."

Dec. 27, 1771. "The Grand Officers and a number of Brethren met at the Masons' Arms, at 11 o'clock A.M., where the Deputy Grand Master was installed in ample form, agreeable to the appointment on the 6th inst., after which they repaired to Concert Hall, where an elegant dinner was provided,

and Brethren enjoyed the same in a manner suitable to the festivity of the day."

March 6, 1772. Present as D.G.M.

May 29, 1772. Present as D.G.M. Chosen a member of a committee "to procure the best music that can be obtained for the Festival of St. John the Baptist."

June 12, 1772. Present as D.G.M.

June 24, 1772. Present as D.G.M. Appointed chairman of a committee to wait upon "our Brother, the Rev. Samuel Fayerweather, with the thanks of this Lodge . . . for his sermon preached this day before the Grand Lodge, . . . and to request him to grant a copy of the same for the press."

Sept. 4, 1772. Present as D.G.M.

Nov. 6, 1772. Present as D.G.M.

Dec. 4, 1772. Present as D.G.M.

Dec. 11, 1772. Present as D.G.M.

March 8, 1773. Present as D.G.M.

May 7, 1773. Present "R't W'p'ful Joseph Webb," — his name following those of the Grand Officers, and no Deputy Grand Master being mentioned.

June 11, 1773. Present as D.G.M., and "proposed that Rules and Orders should be drawn up for the regulation of this Grand Lodge, and motioned a committee be appointed from the several Lodges under this jurisdiction to draw up the same." Two Brethren from each Lodge were appointed, and Bro. Webb was added to the committee.

June 16, 1773. "Most Worshipful Joseph Webb, D.G.M., in the chair."

Sept. 3, 1773. Present as D.G.M.

Oct. 1, 1773. Present as D.G.M.

Dec. 3, 1773. Present as D.G.M.; chosen chairman of a committee to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer.

Dec. 27, 1773. "A Commission from The Right Hon'ble and Most Worshipful Patrick, Earl of Dumfries, Grand Master of Masons in Scotland, dated 3d day of March A.D. and of Masonry 5772, Appointing the Most Worshipful Joseph Warren, Esqr., Grand Master of Masons for the CONTINENT OF AMERICA."

"The Brethren then proceeded in AMPLE FORM to Install The Most Worshipful Grand Master."

"Then the Most Worshipful Grand Master, by Virtue of the Authority Granted him in the foregoing Commission, Ordered the G'd Sec'y to Read a Commission, dated at Boston, N. England — 1773, Appointing Joseph Webb, Esqr., Deputy Grand Master under him, the said Joseph Warren, Esqr., G'd Master, who was accordingly Install'd."

"The tables being Furnished, The Brethren (with the Guests) Enjoyed themselves Agreeable to the Festivity of the day. Present, Most Worship. Joseph Warren, Esqr., G'd M'r, Hon'ble William Brattle, Esqr., Rev'd Doc'r Sam'l Mather, Worshipf. Joseph Webb, Esqr., D'ty G'd M'r," and thirty-eight other Brethren.

March 4, 1774. Present as D.G.M.

"Com'ttee appointed to draw up certain By-Laws (as Voted the eleaventh June last) the Chairman

Worshipf'll Bro'r D.G. Mast'r says the said By-Laws were still under consideration; Mot'd and Seconded, The Chairman of said Com'ttee be desired to summons the whole Com'ttee upon the By-Laws and make report next Lodge Night."

"Voted un'ly the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to Worsh'l Bro'r Webb, Dep'y Grand Mast'r, Bro'r Capt. Sam'l Barrett & Bro. W. Hoskins, for the use of the Platform, Pillars, and Arch, to this Grand Lodge during their Hold'g this Grand Lodge at Masons' Hall."

June 3, 1774. Only six Brethren present—neither Joseph Warren nor Joseph Webb among them.

"Mot'd Seconded and Voted, this Grand Lodge be adjourned to Tuesday Evening Next, 7 o'Clock; by reason of the few Grand Officers present; Engaged in Consequential Public Business."

June 7, 1774. Present as D.G.M.

Dec. 2, 1774. Present as D.G.M.

Mar. 3, 1775. Present as D.G.M.

"Memo. 19th April 1775. Hostillitys Commenc'd between the Troops of G. Britain & America, in Lexington Battle."

In consequence of which the town was blockaded and no Lodge held until December, 1776.

Dec. 27, 1776. "At a Grand Lodge held at Free Masons Hall for the Celebration of St. John, the Evangelist, Dec'r 27, 1776, Present—Joseph Webb D.G.M. [the names of 31 other Brethren following]. All settled & paid, a very Genteel Entertainment." This is the entire record.

Feb. 14, 1777. Right Worshipful Joseph Webb, D.G.M. presiding. Special meeting "call'd to hear the petition of Seth Deane & others praying for a Charter to erect & hold a Lodge in the Town of Stockbridge, in the County of Berkshire. The petition was referred to Friday evening, 7th March next."

"Voted that the Dep'y G. Master send a Summons to all the Masters & Wardens under this Jurisdiction to assemble here on 7th March in order to consult upon & to elect a Grand Master for this State, in the Room of our late worthy Grand Master WARREN, dec'd."

March 7, 1777. Present, Right Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esq., D.G.M. "This Grand Lodge is adjourned untill to-morrow evening."

March 8, 1777. Present, Right Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esq., D.G.M. "On a motion made, Voted, this Grand Lodge proceed to the Choice of a Grand Master to Act in that Capacity 'till Friday June next."

"Voted, that Most Worshipful Joseph Webb Esq., be Grand Master." Other Grand Officers were chosen. Thus was organized the first Independent Grand Lodge on this Continent. "Motion'd & Seconded that the prayer of the petition of Seth Dean & others be heard and answered, Voted accord'ly."

June 24, 1777. Festival of St. John the Baptist celebrated, Most Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esq., G.M., presiding. Seventy-one Brethren present.

September 5, 1777. Most Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esq., G.M., presiding. "As a Number of the Grand

Officers are absent, Voted, This Grand Lodge be adjourn'd to the first Friday in October Next, and that the Grand Lodge be Summon'd accordingly." Nevertheless the next record is —

December 4, 1777. Most Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esq., G.M., presiding. Grand Officers "continued untill the first Friday in March next." Voted to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, — that Brother Perez Morton be desired to pronounce an Oration, at the Stone Chaple, that the Subject of his Oration be — Masonary."

March 7, 1778. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. "The few members present Induces the Worship'l Grand Master to adjourn this Grand Lodge to the Next Friday Evening."

March 14, 1778. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. "Voted, That this Grand Lodge be adjourn'd till called together by the Grand Master."

Jan. 30, 1778. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. Charter granted to Trinity Lodge, of Lancaster.

May 1, 1778. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. "Voted Unanimously that Brother Nath'l Peirce be dismissed as Secretary of this Grand Lodge for a General Neglect of duty."

Charter granted to United States Lodge, of Danvers.

June 5, 1778. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. William Chaloner and others had leave to withdraw their petition for a Charter "on account of its not being supported by sufficient Number of Signers."

Sept. 4, 1778. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding.

Charter granted to Dr. William Chaloner and others, under the name of Warren Lodge.

Dec. 4, 1778. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. "Voted The Most Worshipful Jos. Webb Esqr. be Grand Master for the year Ensuing." Other Grand Officers were chosen.

"The Grand Master desired the Opinion of the Grand Lodge Respecting Celebrating Festival of Saint John the Evangelist. Voted the Celebration of Said Festival be at Free Masons Hall, on Monday, the 28th Instant." . . . The Stewards were instructed to "agree with Bro'r Wait for an Elegant Dinner." A committee was appointed to request the Rev. Mr. Howard to preach a sermon to the Masons on the occasion.

Dec. 18, 1778. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. "A petition was presented from the Massach'ts Lodge, Sign'd Wm. Palfrey, Mast'r, James Jackson Sr. W'd, Edward Gray, Jr. Warden — Setting forth that the Exigency of the times would not admit of their assembling sooner, and praying Said Lodge may Retain the Rank they formerly held under this Grand Lodge. Voted the Prayer of Said Petition be Granted. Bro. Colo. Revere, one of the Committee nominated to wait on Mr. Howard, Reports, That the Rev'd Mr. Howard will deliver a Sermon to the Body of Masons, at the Old Brick Meeting [House] on Monday, 28th Decem'r, and that the Rev'd Messrs. Clarke and Laughtrop will also attend.

"Voted, the three Reverend Gentlemen be In-

vited to dine — also the Rev'd Messrs. White & Parker, on the 28th Instant.

"Voted, The Hon'ble General Gates, and such of his Family who are Masons, be waited upon & Invited to dine at the Feast."

Dec. 28, 1778. Present, Most Worshipful Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding, Hon'ble Gener'l Gates, Rev'd Mr. Howard, Rev'd Mr. Clarke, Rev'd Mr. Lothrop, Rev'd. Mr. Parker, sundry Brethren, "The family of Gen'l Gates . . . & Fifers" — in all about 125 persons.

"The Brethren Marched to the Old Brick Meeting House, where the Rev'd Mr. Howard preached a sermon, Reve'd Messrs Lothrop & Clarke assisted, after which a Colection was made for the Poor of this Town [amounting to 105 dollars], then Return'd to the Hall, and after partaking of an Elegant Feast," returned thanks to the preacher and asked for a copy of his sermon for the press — which was granted.

March 5, 1779. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. "The petition from a number of French Bro'rs desirous of holding a Lodge under this Jurisdic'n was read," and a committee appointed "to wait on the French Consul to Enquire whether they are persons of Character." A petition was presented from William McKean and others "praying for liberty to hold a Lodge at Ipswage," also "from George Abbot and others desirous of holding a Lodge at Salem." All three petitions were deferred to the adjournment — March 9th.

March 9, 1779. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. The three petitions were granted. "Voted, That the Toiler have £1. 4."

April 13, 1779. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. The petition of a committee in behalf of Danvers Lodge, praying it might be removed to the town of Beverly, was unanimously granted, "and the said United States Lodge is in future to be held in the said Town of Beverly, and all their proceedings there to be firm and valid, to all intents and purposes, as though the Name of Danvers had not been mentioned in their Charter of Erection."

April 30, 1779. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. A remonstrance, signed by nine members of United States Lodge, was presented, and the vote authorizing the removal was suspended. The Grand Secretary was directed to send copies of the two petitions to the Master, with instructions "to call his Lodge together immediately and know the minds of the members (consistent with the By-Laws) respecting a Removal of it, and that they transmit to the Grand Lodge a Copy of their proceedings & the result of their determinations, to be further acted upon."

May 21, 1779. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. Six members of United States Lodge were present. "Having by writing Reported the determination of their Lodge at their Last Meeting; and answer'd to several pointed Questions made by this Grand Lodge, particularly to the Constitutions, Page 314, they withdrew." It appearing that there were more than five members who were willing to support

said Lodge, it was the unanimous opinion of the Grand Lodge, "that no Lodge may be Removed to any other Town, So long as Five Members Continue to Support it. We Therefore Recommend to the Members of Said Lodge they Cultivate Brotherly Love and Friendship—the Cement of Masonry—that the Vulgar may not take the advantage of any little difficulty that [may] arise among Masons, to bring the Craft into disrepute."

June 4, 1779. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. "Voted, that the G. Sec'y write to the Commissary of Prisoners, at Rutland, and know the Rank of Rich'd Speaight & others, who have petitioned this Grand Lodge to use their Influence with the Honorable Council to Grant a parole to go to New York—promising an Exchange of Officers of Like Rank."

Sept. 3, 1779. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. Charter granted to Amity Lodge, of Beverly.

Oct. 6, 1779. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. "The petition of John Peirce & others; Praying this Grand Lodge would Grant them a Charter for holding a travelling Lodge, Having Nominated General John Patterson Master, Colo. Benja. Tupper S. W'd and Maj'r Will'm Hull J W'd—Voted, a Charter be Granted them for holding Regular Lodges, Make Masons, Pass and Raise, in this State, or any of the United States of America, where no other Grand Master Presides. But in any other State where there is a Grand Master, Con-

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stituted by the Brethren of these United States, they are to Inform him and Receive his Sanction."

Dec. 3, 1779. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. Grand Officers chosen, with Bro. Webb at the head. "Voted Worshipfull Brother Webb, Colo. Revere & Cap'n Barrat be a Committee to Wait on Doc'r John Warren Requesting the delivery of the Charter Granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to our late Deceas'd Grand Master."

Dec. 27, 1779. Feast of St. John the Evangelist. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. Sixty-three Brethren present.

"The Celebration was Conducted with Dignity, Propriety and Harmony ; Such as is to be found and Injoy'd only among Masons."

Jan. 25, 1780. Constituting of Friendship Lodge, at Boston, the Grand Master conducting the ceremony and installing the Master. This was the French Lodge to which a Charter was granted March 9, 1779.

March 3, 1780. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. "Washington Lodge No. — Laid before this Grand Lodge a Copy of their By-Laws, also a List of Officers & Members of that Travelling Lodge."

March 18, 1780. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. Charter granted to St. Patrick's Lodge, of Portsmouth, N.H. This identical Charter was presented to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at its Annual Communication on the 13th of December, 1882.

June 2, 1780. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. "This Grand Lodge Received a letter from Unity

Lodge [of Ipswich] Inclosing One Hundred Pounds for the late Grand Master Doct'r Warren's Children, the Same being Read, whereupon Voted, That the Treasurer write to Said Lodge and return them the Thanks of the Grand Lodge for the same."

Sept. i, 1780. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. "The Worshipfull Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge a letter dated Philadelph'a August 19, 1780, Sign'd William Smith, Grand Sec'y, Inclosing a Printed List of the Lodges in Pensilvani under that Jurisdiction, and Advising that they had in their Grand Lodge thought it Expedient to make choice of a Grand Master General for the Thirteen United American States; That they had Nominated His Excellency General George Washington, Requesting the Opinion and Approbation of this Grand Lodge thereon. Voted Circular Letters be wrote to the several Lodges under this jurisdiction, Requesting Attendance of Master & Wardens at the Next Adjournment, for their Opinion, or that they give Instructions to their Proxys on this subject."

Sept. 22, 1780. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. "Voted a Committee of Five be appointed to write an address to all Masons in the Thirteen United States (under this jurisdiction)—The subject, Masonary." The G.M. was made the chairman. He was also added to a "Committee to write the different Lodges under this jurisdiction, after Receipt of a Letter sent to the Grand Lodge of Pensilva."

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- Dec. 1, 1780. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. "Voted, That the Committee of Seven, Chose last Grand Lodge Meeting to take into consideration the letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia, be dissolved, and that this Grand Lodge form themselves into a Committee to act upon said Business, and that The Worshipfull Grand Master be President of the same. . . . Grand Officers for the ensuing year elected & unanimously Chose," Joseph Webb at the head. "Voted, That the Lodges under this Jurisdiction which are not Represented, nor have been notified of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia, Respecting the appointment of a Grand Master General, should be wrote to immediately by the Grand Secretary, and have their answer. . . . Voted, this Grand Lodge be adjourned to the Second Friday in January, 1781, to Receive the Report of the Committee Respecting a Grand Master General over all the Grand Lodges in the Thirteen United North American States."
- Dec. 27, 1780. "To Celebrate the Festival of the Beloved Saint John the Evangelist. Present, Joseph Webb, Esqr., His Excellency Governor Hancock, Major Keith, Honorable General Lincoln, Reverend Mr. Parker, Reverend Mr. Eliot," and seventy-five Brethren.
- Jan. 12, 1781. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. A "Dispensation" was granted to hold a Lodge in Colchester, Conn. "Read a Letter from Trinity Lodge, Dated Sep'r 19, 1780, objecting to the propriety

& necessity of a Grand Master General at this time."

"Brother Morton moved that we now determine and fix upon a time for the Choice of a Grand Master General. After candidly debating the matter, the following Reasons were offered: As this Grand Lodge have not been acquainted with the Opinion of the various Grand Lodges in the United States, Respecting the Choice of a Grand Master General, and the Circumstances of Our Public Affairs making it Impossible we should at present obtain their sentiments upon it, Therefore, Voted, that any determination upon the subject cannot, with the Propriety and Justice due to the Craft at large, be made by This Grand Lodge untill a General Peace shall happily take place thro' the CONTINENT."

March 2, 1781. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. "Brother Colo. John Brooks [afterwards Governor] laid before the Grand Lodge a List of the Officers and Members of Washington Lodge for this year." This was an Army Lodge, often attended by Gen. Washington.

May 8, 1781. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. Upon the petition of a number of the members, the Charter of Friendship Lodge (composed of Frenchmen) was vacated, and a new Charter granted under the name of Perfect Union Lodge, "with the Rank that the Friendship Lodge before held."

May 22, 1781. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. Charter granted to St. Paul Lodge, of Litchfield, Conn.

June 1, 1781. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding.

Sept. 7, 1781. Samuel Barratt, Esq., D.G.M., presiding.

Nov. 8, 1781. Samuel Barratt, Esq., D.G.M., presiding. Charter granted for a Lodge in Cornish, Vt.

Dec. 7, 1781. Paul Revere, Esq., G.M., *pro tem*.

"Voted, the choice of Grand Officers be referred to the next Quarterly Communication, by Reason of our Worthy and Most Worshipful Grand Master, Joseph Webb, Esqr., absence at present in the Service of the United States."

Dec. 21, 1781. Paul Revere, presiding. It was voted not to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, "On the Principle that the prices demanded are beyond the ability of many Brethren to support, without apparent Injury to their Familys."

March 1, 1782. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. "A petition from the Master, Wardens & Members of St. Andrew's Lodge being presented to the Grand Lodge—praying that the Grand Lodge would grant them a Charter by the aforesaid name, they retaining their rank of Preeceedency as heretofore in s'd G'd Lodge. The Grand Lodge taking the same into their serious & deliberate consideration, for reasons set forth in s'd Petition, Unanimously Resolved that the prayer of s'd Petitioners be Granted. . . . Voted, The Grand Lodge proceed to the Choice of Grand Officers. Unanimously Chose Most W'p'f'll Joseph Webb, Esqr., G.M.," and other Officers.

June 7, 1783. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. Voted, to celebrate the feast of St. John on the 24th. "Voted, There be a Committee of three to wait on the Gentlemen Selectmen for the use of Faneuil Hall on s'd day." The committee were Paul Revere, John Warren, and John Lowell. "A copy of a letter from the Most Wors'p'll J. Webb & the two Grand Wardens to Moses Michael Hays, together with his answer, are fil'd with the G'd Lodge Papers."

June 10, 1782. . Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. Among the Brethren recorded as present, is named "W'p'f'll Moses M. Hays, by request of the Most W'p'f'll Master and G'd Wardens. . . . Voted, that a Committee be appointed to Draught Resolutions explanatory of the Powers & Authority of this Grand Lodge, respecting the Extent and Meaning of its Jurisdiction, and of the exercise of any other Masonic Authorities within its jurisdiction." Bro. Hays bore the title of "Deputy Inspector General for North America" under the Scottish Rite, and the Brethren probably thought it advisable to investigate his "powers and authority," which were new to them.

June 24, 1782. Festival of St. John the Baptist at Faneuil Hall, Grand Master Webb presiding. There were present also "the Gentlemen Selectmen, French Consul, Rev'd B'r Eliot, Dr. Warren, Town Clerk, W'p'f'll B'r Rowe," and sixty-six other Brethren. After listening to a sermon from Bro. Eliot and a charge from Bro. Warren, "the Brethren

returned to Faneuil Hall & enjoyed themselves upon an Elegant Dinner."

Sept. 6, 1782. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. "Voted, The Petition from B'r John Copp & others to this Grand Lodge for Holding a Lodge in the State of New York be granted."

Sept. 30, 1782. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. The report of the committee appointed June 10, 1882, was read and referred to the next Lodge evening.

Dec. 6, 1782. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. "A Return was presented from Washington Lodge, Dated West Point, 18th July, 1782, of the choice of their Officers and list of Members." The report of the June committee was again read, defending the organization of the Independent Grand Lodge, "and after mature deliberation thereon, the same was accepted and ordered to be recorded in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge." This is one of the most important and famous documents ever submitted to an American Grand Lodge. "The Grand Lodge proceeded to the choice of Grand Officers for the year ensuing. The Grand Master propos'd Bro. John Warren [brother of Gen. Warren] for his successor; upon which the Grand Lodge proceeded by Ballot to the choice, whereupon he was unan'y elected."

Dec. 24, 1782. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. The Grand Master presented a letter from St. Andrew's Lodge. "Mov'd, seconded & Voted, That there be a committee of five to confer with St. Andrew's Lodge at their next meeting upon the subject of

their letter on refusing to acknowledge the Independency of this Grand Lodge."

Jan. 3, 1783. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding.

"A petition from Charles Whitney & others, of Darby, in the State of Connecticut. The Grand Lodge grants them a Charter of Dispensation to hold a Lodge, make Masons, &c., untill a Grand Master be erected in that State." This was King Hiram Lodge, of Derby. "Voted, a committee of seven be appointed to write to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Informing them the Reasons why the Grand Lodge in Commonwealth Massachusetts assumed to themselves that dignity; the same Committee also to write the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia, Informing them of the assumption of this Grand Lodge. Mov'd, seconded & Voted, unan'y, that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be requested to call a meeting of the Grand Lodge, as soon as may be, for the Installation of the Grand Master Elect."

March 7, 1783. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding.

June 6, 1783. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding.

"Voted, That this Grand Lodge celebrate the Feast of St. John ye Baptist, the 24th instant, and that the Most W'pf'll John Warren, Esq., Grand Master Elect, be then install'd." At each meeting since the election, except this, "Worshipful John Warren, Esq., G.M. Elect," has been named among the Brethren present.

June 24, 1783. A Grand Lodge was held in Ample Form at Concert Hall, "for the Installment of the

Grand Master Elect," Most Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esq., G.M., presiding. The names of 107 Brethren are given as present, but there the record ends, the two pages following being blank. An oration was delivered at the stone chapel by Brother Christopher Gore, Esq." and a "charge" by John Eliot, A.M.," both of which were published.

Sept. 5, 1783. Grand Master Warren presiding. "Most W'pf'll Joseph Webb, P.G.M.," was present and presented a return from Wooster Lodge, of Connecticut. Charter granted to King Solomon's Lodge, of Charlestown.

Dec. 4, 1783. Past Grand Master Webb present.

Jan. 8, 1784. Past Grand Master Webb present. Special meeting for the constitution of King Solomon's Lodge.

June 3, 1784. Past Grand Master Webb present. "Agreeable to our Constitutions the Most W.G. Master [John Warren] nominated W. Jos. Webb, Esqr., P.G. M'r, to be Grand Master Elect. The Ballots being call'd he was unanimously chose Grand Master for the year ensuing — The Grand Master Elect then proceeded to nomination of his Officers & propos'd the Officers now holding place, to continue in office." The Senior and Junior Grand Wardens were accordingly unanimously elected. It was voted to celebrate the feast of St. John the Baptist, but the record is omitted, the next being :

Sept. 2, 1784. "M. Wo. Joseph Webb, Esqr., G.M.,"

presiding. "On a Petition of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1, holding under this Jurisdiction, praying for a renewal of their Charter, with the alteration of the name to 'Rising States;' Voted, the petition be granted."

Dec. 2, 1784. Grand Master Webb presiding.

Jan. 19, 1785. Grand Master Webb presiding. Charter granted to North Star Lodge, of Manchester, Vt.

March 3, 1785. Grand Master Webb presiding. "A General Convention of the Lodges of Antient Masons in this State" was authorized, "that the state of Masonry in this Commonwealth [may be] duly considered and the Benefit and Interest of the Craft in general promoted."

April 28, 1785. Grand Master Webb presiding.

June 2, 1785. Grand Master Webb presiding.

June 24, 1785. Grand Master Webb presiding, and re-elected.

July 23, 1785. Grand Master Webb presiding. Charter granted to Friendship Lodge, of Williamstown; also to Columbia Lodge, of Norwich, Conn.

Sept. 29, 1785. Grand Master Webb presiding.

Dec. 1, 1785. Grand Master Webb presiding.

Dec. 8, 1785. Grand Master Webb presiding.

March 1, 1786. Grand Master Webb presiding.

June 2, 1786. Grand Master Webb presiding, and re-elected.

June 24, 1786. Grand Master Webb presiding, and installed his officers.

Sept. —, 1786. Grand Master Webb presiding. A

committee was appointed to draft a book of Constitutions, and the Grand Master was made chairman.

Nov. 3, 1786. Grand Master Webb presiding. The

Committee on Constitutions reported, and a new committee was appointed to revise their report.

Dec. 1, 1786. Grand Master Webb presiding.

March 2, 1787. John Lowell, D.G.M., presiding.

A committee was appointed to confer with the other Grand Lodge as to a union.

April 6, 1787. John Lowell, D.G.M., presiding.

The records of the last two meetings give at the head of the list of officers present the title of the Grand Master without his name, indicating his sickness, and perhaps his anticipated death.

April 27, 1787. A special Communication was held, it being the day succeeding the death of Grand Master Webb, a report of which will be found hereafter in the account of the death and obsequies of the Grand Master.

June 1, 1787. John Lowell, D.G.M., presiding. "A Billet of thanks, from Mrs. Webb to the Grand Lodge, and other Lodges, that gave their attendance at the funeral of her late Husband, was read and ordered to be filed."

This ends our items from the records of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for most of which we are under obligation to the patient research of R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson.

INTERRUPTIONS OF WAR.

It must be remembered that from the earliest hostile movements between the Continental patriots and the troops of King George III. the town of Boston was blockaded and in a state of siege. A very large number of Free Masons, including the great majority of leading members, were more or less actively engaged on the side of the patriots, and there can be no doubt that the Boston Free Masons were important factors in the events of that period. Such men as Joseph Warren, James Otis, and Paul Revere were bright and shining lights in the Masonic diadem, and who that knows the early history of our struggling colonists against the encroachments of the British Crown, does not recognize in those men the great patriotic leaders who fired the hearts of the colonists to resist the tyranny of the British government?

Joseph Webb, Jr., who had grown to man's estate, — who had gained position as a merchant in the circles of trade, the second in authority among Free Masons, — was united with Warren, Otis, and Revere and other leaders in the cause, in all measures inaugurated for asserting the right of the colonists to resist taxation unless based upon representation. These men, leaders in the great movement of colonial resistance, were craftsmen who walked uprightly in their several stations before God and man.

GREEN DRAGON TAVERN.

The famous Green Dragon Tavern was the locality of Free Masons' Hall, where the feast of St. John the Evangelist was held, as before stated, December 27, 1776. This famous hostelry was situated on the corner formed by Hanover and Union streets, and was as distinguished for Revolutionary and Masonic headquarters as it was for its smoking viands and general good-cheer, which, to our ancient brethren, proved no hindrance to a good life. This Green Dragon Tavern should have proper mention in any attempted effort to rescue the name and fame of Joseph Webb, Jr., from the musty and almost hidden archives of a hundred years ago. The Grand Lodge assembled at this tavern, and, more than this, it was owned by the Lodge of St. Andrew. Right Wor. C. L. Woodbury, in the centennial address before alluded to, speaking of the Green Dragon Tavern and the Lodge of St. Andrew, said: "It is recorded in this respectable Lodge that, "on the night of the famed destruction of the tea in "Boston harbor, they did not hold their regular meeting, in consequence of 'having business with the "consignees of the foreign tea.' Here the Chiefs sat in "private council when the Lodge was not in session."

There is other evidence than that of the festal assemblies at the Green Dragon, if we may judge from the little bits of history that have come down to us from the early days of the eighteenth century, that our ancient brethren were general lovers of good fellowship; and we may affirm that even *before* the Green

- Dragon Tavern became a place of Masonic resort, when the craft was called to refreshment, the Royal Exchange, located on what is now State Street, at the southwest corner of Exchange Place, was a hostelry where Masonic brethren often repaired.

We find in the Memorial History of Boston, in a paper prepared by Edwin L. Bynner, Esq., a poetic satire on a Masonic celebration at the Royal Exchange in 1749, which alludes to Luke Vardy, a Masonic brother, probably of St. John's Lodge, formerly of London, who, at the time of the celebration, was the host of the establishment and generously entertained the brethren of the mystic tie : —

“ Where's honest Luke — that cook from London?
 For without *Luke* the *Lodge* is undone;
 'Twas he who oft dispelled their sadness,
 And filled the brethren's hearts with gladness.
 For them his ample bowls o'erflow'd,
 His table groan'd beneath its load;
 For them he stretched his utmost art, —
 Their honours grateful they impart.
Luke in return is made a *brother*,
 As *good* and *true* as any other;
 And still, though broke with age and wine,
 Preserves the *token* and the *sign*.”

A Grand Lodge was held at the Green Dragon Tavern Friday evening, March 3, 1775, at which Most Worshipful Joseph Warren presided. It was the last service of that distinguished patriot and brother to the brethren of the Craft, for, upon the 17th of June following, he surrendered his life upon the sanguinary field of Bunker Hill.

In the compilation of the History and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts by Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, A.M., printed at Worcester by Brother Isaiah Thomas in 1798, we find the following interesting allusion to the death and obsequies of Grand Master Warren :—

"By the contest of the eventful 17th of June, on the
"celebrated heights of Charlestown, the Grand Lodge
"sustained a heavy loss in the death of Grand Master
"Warren, who was slain contending for the liberties of
"his country. Soon after the evacuation of Boston by
"the British army, March 28th A.L. 5776, and previous
"to any regular *Communication*, the brethren, influ-
"enced by a pious regard to the merits and memory of
"the late Grand Master, Joseph Warren, were induced
"to search for his body, which had been rudely and in-
"discriminately buried on the field of slaughter. They
"accordingly repaired to the place, and by direction of
"a person who was on the ground about the time of his
"burial, a spot was found where the earth had been
"rudely turned up. Upon removing the turf and
"opening the grave, which was on the brow of a hill,
"and adjacent to a small cluster of sprigs, the remains
"were found in a mangled condition, but were easily
"ascertained (by an artificial tooth), and being decent-
"ly raised, were conveyed to the State House in this
"metropolis April 8, from whence, by a large and
"respectable number of brethren, with the late Grand
"Officers attending in a regular procession, they were
"carried to the Stone Chapel, where an animated
"eulogium was delivered by Brother Perez Morton, at

"their request. The body was then conveyed to the
"silent vault and sacredly deposited without a sculp-
"tured stone to mark the spot ; but as the whole earth
"is the sepulchre of illustrious men, his fame, his
"glorious actions, are engraved on the tablet of uni-
"versal remembrance, and will survive marble monu-
"ments or local inscription."

Following the record of the Grand Lodge communication of March 3, is this memorandum : —

"19th April, 1775, hostilities commenced between the troops of G. Britain and America in Lexington battle. In consequence of which the town was blockaded and no Lodge held until December 1776."

That brief record covers a period which was one of isolation for the port of Boston, and during which the work of the ancient craftsmen was necessarily suspended. Free Masons' Hall at the Green Dragon was closed, the tools and implements of Free Masonry were carefully laid away, and brother was separated from brother.

We find no Masonic record breaking in upon these fifteen months of gloom until December, 1776, when, on the 27th of that month, the Grand Lodge convened and celebrated the feast of St. John the Evangelist at Free Masons' Hall, R.W. Joseph Webb, Deputy Grand Master, presiding. It appears by the record that only thirty-two brethren were present at this feast, and the record happily closes with the remark : "All settled
"and paid ; a very Genteel entertainment."

The death of Joseph Warren left the Grand Lodge without a head. It was generally considered, and

this was the view Joseph Webb took of it, that as the deputy held his appointment from the Grand Master, the power of the former ceased upon the death of the latter. It would seem, however, that Deputy Grand Master Webb was willing to assume authority to the extent of calling the Grand Lodge together. He therefore sent his summons to all the Masters and Wardens to assemble March 7, 1777, "to consult upon and to elect a Grand Master for this State, in the room of our late Worthy Grand Master Warren, deceased."

It appears from the records of those early days, that there was a variance of opinion among Masons as to the regularity of proceedings after the death of General Warren, and the differences grew to such proportions that on several occasions it was found expedient to vindicate the regularity of the action taken. An able report upon this subject was made in the Grand Lodge December 6, 1782, signed by Perez Morton (a distinguished lawyer, and for some years Attorney General of the State), Paul Revere (the patriot whose midnight ride is famous in prose history and poetry), Dr. John Warren, and James Avery. In Grand Lodge the report was carefully read, considered, and accepted.

We give extracts from this report as follows: —

"The Commission from the Grand Lodge of Scotland granted to our late Grand Master, Joseph Warren, Esquire, having died with him, and of course his Deputy, whose appointment was derived from his nomination, being no longer in existence, they saw themselves without a head, and without a single Grand Officer, and of course it was evident that not

"only the Grand Lodge, but all the particular Lodges
"under its jurisdiction, must cease to assemble, the
"Brethren be dispersed, the penniless go unassisted,
"the Craft languish, and Ancient Masonry be extinct
"in this part of the world.

"That in consequence of a summons from the former
"Grand Wardens to the Masters and Wardens of all
"the regular constituted Lodges, a Grand Communi-
"cation was held to consult and advise on some means
"to preserve the intercourse of the Brethren.

"That the political Head of this country, having
"destroyed all connection and correspondence between
"the subjects of these states and the country from
"which the Grand Lodge originally derived its com-
"missioned authority; and the principles of the Craft,
"inculcating on its professors submission to the com-
"mands of the civil authority of the country they reside
"in; the Brethren did assume an elective supremacy,
"and under it chose a Grand Master and Grand Offi-
"cers, and erected a Grand Lodge with independent
"powers and prerogatives, to be exercised, however, on
"principles consistent with and subordinate to the reg-
"ulations pointed out in the Constitutions of ancient
"Masonry.

"That the reputation and utility of the Craft, under
"their jurisdiction, has been most extensively diffused,
"by the flourishing state of fourteen Lodges constituted
"by their authority, within a shorter period than that
"in which three only received Dispensations under the
"former Grand Lodge.

"That in the history of our Craft we find that in
"England there are two Grand Lodges, independent
"of each other, in Scotland the same, and in Ireland
"their Grand Lodge and Grand Master are independ-
"ent either of England or Scotland. It is clear that
"the authority of some of these Grand Lodges orig-

"inated in assumption ; or otherwise they would acknowledge the head from whence they derived.

"Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the doings of the present Grand Lodge were dictated by principles of the clearest necessity, founded in the highest reason, and warranted by precedents of the most approved authority.

"And they beg leave to recommend the following resolutions to be adopted by the Grand Lodge, and engrafted into its Constitutions : —

"I. That the Brethren of the Grand Lodge, in assuming the powers and prerogatives of an independent Grand Lodge, acted upon the most laudable motives, and consistently with principles which ought forever to govern Masons, viz: the benefit of the Craft and the good of mankind, and are warranted in their proceedings by the practice of Ancient Masons in all parts of the world.

"II. That this Grand Lodge be hereafter known and called by the name of ' The Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons ; ' and that it is free and independent in its government and official authority of any other Grand Lodge or Grand Master in the universe.

"III. That the power and authority of said Grand Lodge be construed to extend throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to any of the United States, where none other is erected, over such Lodges only as this Grand Lodge has constituted, or shall constitute.

- "IV. That the Grand Master for the time being be desired to call in all Charters which were held under the jurisdiction of the late Grand Master, Joseph Warren, Esquire, and return the same with an indorsement thereon, expressive of their recognition of the power and authority of this Grand Lodge.

"V. That no person or persons ought or can, consistently with the rules of Ancient Masonry, use or exercise the powers or prerogatives of an Ancient Grand Master or Grand Lodge, to wit: to give power to erect Lodges of Ancient Masonry, make Masons, appoint Superior or Grand Officers, receive dues, or do anything which belongs to the powers or prerogatives of an Ancient Grand Lodge, within any part of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the rightful and appropriated limits to which the authority of this Grand Lodge forever hereafter extends."

JOSEPH WEBB ELECTED GRAND MASTER.

The Massachusetts Grand Lodge assembled on March 7, and then, by adjournment, on March 8, 1777, at which time Joseph Webb, Esq., was elected Grand Master, it being first resolved to *establish the Grand Lodge as Independent*. Of the creation of this independent Grand Lodge, R.W. Charles Levi Woodbury declared, in the address from which we have before quoted: "It was no shivering infant, surrounded by foreign nurses, that came puling and screaming into the world. In the dread crater of a war of liberty, amid the throes of social reorganization, she saw the Light and saluted its grand representatives; springing full-grown and armed out of the loins of the Scotch Lodges of this Commonwealth, as Pallas from the brain of Jove, she stood upright, the emblem of the Palingenesia of Free Masonry in the new world of liberty, equality, and fraternity."

At this time, when he was called by his brethren to the highest position known in Free Masonry, as he

ascended to the Grand Oriental Chair, he took his seat very much as our more ancient pioneers in this new world entered their primitive houses of worship in the wilderness—with their trusty rifles over their shoulders; somewhat like them, he assumed the highest Masonic position with the sword by his side, armed for the contest then waging between the infant colonies and the forces of King George III.

Grand Master Webb was an earnest worker in the Masonic vineyard, gathering from the wide harvest-field many rich sheaves. Under his administration the fraternity increased with as much rapidity as was desirable. Not only in Massachusetts, but in other States (for the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge was not limited to State lines), warrants and charters were granted to petitioning brothers. During the war, a large number of Army Lodges, so called, were created,—lodges composed of officers and soldiers attached to the Continental army.

We give a list of some of the Lodges chartered by Grand Master Webb for the nine years including 1777–85. Those marked with a * are not now in existence, and the status of some of the others is unknown:

YEAR.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	STATE.
1777.	*Berkshire.	Stockbridge.	Mass.
1778.	*Trinity.	Worcester.†	Mass.
1778.	*United States.	Danvers.	Mass.
1778.	Warren.	Machias.	Maine.
1779.	*Unity.	Ipswich.	Mass.

† Harris' History of 1789 says Lancaster.

YEAR.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	STATE.
1779.	*Amity.	Beverly.	Mass.
1779.	Essex.	Salem.	Mass.
1779.	*Friendship.	Boston.	Mass.
1779.	*Washington.	(Army.)	—
1780.	*St. Patrick's.	Portsmouth.	N.H.
1781.	Unknown.	Colchester.	Conn.
1781.	Unknown.	Litchfield.	Conn.
1781.	Unknown.	Cornish.	Vermont.
1782.	Unknown.	—	New York.
1782.	King Hiram.	Darby.	Conn.
1785.	North Star.	Manchester.	Vermont.
1785.	Friendship.	Williamstown.	Mass.
1785.	Columbia.	Norwich.	Conn.

Of the Warren Lodge and the three Connecticut Lodges chartered in 1781, the present status is unknown. May 8, 1781, the name of "Friendship Lodge" was changed by vote of Grand Lodge to "Perfect Union."

During the time that Joseph Webb, Jr., was at the head of the Grand Lodge, he was sometimes absent in the military service. We find upon the Grand Lodge records that Grand Master Webb was "absent" from the State from September 7, 1781, to March 1, 1782, and we also find this memorandum: "December 7, 1781, Grand Master absent in the service of the "United States." During this period, as we have before stated, two Grand Lodges existed in this jurisdiction. Of the St. John's Grand Lodge, John Rowe, Esq., was Grand Master from 1768. He died in

1787, the same year, as we shall see, that Joseph Webb departed this life. The earlier death of Grand Master Rowe left but *one* Grand Master, and steps were immediately taken to unite the two Grand Lodges into one jurisdiction. In 1792 this union was consummated [March 19], and all distinctions between Ancient and Modern Free Masons came to a happy end.

MILITARY RECORD.

That Joseph Webb, Jr., was early imbued with the military spirit, is illustrated in the fact that in 1761, at the age of twenty-seven, he became a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, and in 1773, twelve years after taking membership, he was elected ensign of that illustrious military corps. It is perhaps true that he may have been connected with some militia organization previous to 1773, but it does not appear that at this time he held any military rank above that he attained in the Ancient and Honorable Artillery as before stated. The first military rank that we find by the records to have been accorded to him, was that of Captain in the Boston Regiment, which seems to have been a favorite militia organization for a considerable period before the breaking out of hostilities with the mother country. At the time, just previous to the revolution, that General Gage arrived at Long Wharf, armed with His Majesty's commission to superintend military affairs with the idea of keeping the colonists, and particularly the stiff-necked people of Boston, under a proper sub-

jection to royal authority, this Boston Regiment paraded upon King Street to receive the military representative of the Crown with all due honors. It must be remembered that, even after the experience of Lexington, Concord, and Bunker Hill, the distinguished leaders in resisting British aggression did not advocate a sundering of the ties of loyalty to the British Crown. It was "Down with British tyranny!" "No taxation without representation!" But with the same breath came the cry, "God save King George III.!" It took months and years to educate the people up to the point of separation and independence. It was British tyranny, fully exercised, that *forced* the colonists to a higher plane, until independence became the only hope of a struggling people. When General Gage arrived, this higher plane had not been reached; perhaps no one, save the philosopher Franklin and noble-hearted Sam Adams, had *thought* of it. And so the Boston Regiment, made up of the best young men in the leading colony town, with Joseph Webb in its ranks gaining experience to fit him for higher official duties, paraded to receive the uniformed representative of King George III. As General Gage passed up the military line reviewing the troops, it is said that he remarked, that he "did not know His Majesty" had any troops here," and when told that the troops before him were only militia, he undoubtedly received his first impression of the character of the soldiers he must contend with, if instructed to attempt the subjection of the colonists.

Joseph Webb, Jr., was commissioned Captain of the

Tenth Company in the Boston Regiment, November 25, 1776. At that time Henry Bromfield was Colonel, being commissioned as such September 7, 1776, and Jabez Hatch was Lieutenant Colonel.

Joseph Webb, Jr., was promoted and commissioned Major, April 25, 1778, and Lieutenant Colonel of the same regiment, May, 1780. Lieutenant Colonel Jabez Hatch succeeded Bromfield as Colonel, and Edward Proctor was Colonel during the Lieutenant Colonelcy of Joseph Webb, Jr.

As stated by R.W. Past Grand Master John T. Heard, at the Massachusetts Grand Lodge Centennial Celebration in 1877, there *was* a Lieutenant Webb connected with the famous expedition to Quebec in 1775, and he was taken prisoner by the British. But this lieutenant was *not* Joseph Webb, Jr.

Exactly what service the Boston Regiment performed during the war of the Revolution is not easily ascertained. It is presumed, however, that the regiment held itself in readiness to be called out upon emergencies. This much we know; that in 1781 the regiment was called out for three months' duty, and, under command of Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Webb, performed important service at Peekskill as a reinforcement of the American army. At this time the regiment served for a term of nearly six months. There is no record, so far as our researches can determine it, of further military advancement of Lieutenant Colonel Webb, but, as he was afterwards, particularly at the time of his death, spoken of as Colonel of the

Boston Regiment, it is probable that he was commissioned to that rank.

AS A CITIZEN.

We have already spoken of Joseph Webb; Jr., as an associate of the eminent men who were the leaders in the great movement for independence. Not, like sturdy old Sam Adams, was he able to stir the popular heart by fiery oratorical appeals, but, in his own good way, by personal influence, wise counsels, and earnest work, he accomplished great results in uniting the people upon measures necessary to thwart the efforts of the loyalists in binding the fetters of George III. upon those determined to resist the tyranny of the Crown. In all great crises, success is often achieved through the efforts of energetic working-men among the masses. Laboring diligently, early and late, the world little knows under how great a debt it rests to those voiceless agents who stir the under-current and give direction to popular movements. The fervid oratory of the statesman may move the multitude even to frenzy, but there its power finds a surcease. Joseph Webb, Jr., was not an Adams or an Otis, to stir the people with winged-words of oratory, but, taking counsel with them and their compeers, he moulded the movements, and, with his sword performed his duty in the work of achieving Independence as God pointed the way. To illustrate, we recite a fact well known in history: the great multitude of patriotic Bostonians assembled in the Old South Church to be taught by revolutionary

orators their duty in resisting the payment of the tax upon tea, and to consider in what manner they could prevent the consignees from landing their cargoes at the south-end wharf. Another body of citizens, some of them brethren of the Lodge of St. Andrew, quietly assembled at the Green Dragon Tavern — probably in Free Masons' Hall — with Joseph Webb, Jr., as we may presume, one of their number. From that famous tavern they emerged, and, going to the wharf, determined how to prevent the consignees from landing the tea. They cast the tea into the water of the harbor. While the lovers of order and sticklers for precedents were orating and considering, the deputation from the Green Dragon formed a decoction that made a bitter cup for King George, a cup of tea that inspired resistance to tyranny as obedience to God and the first duty of man.

As a citizen-soldier, Joseph Webb, Jr., aided in the achievement of national independence. By the same process of reasoning that made him a patriot, he determined that Free Masonry in America should be free from the authority of a foreign Grand Lodge. Hence, in 1777, we find him at the head of the movement which erected the first Independent Grand Lodge in America, whose right to exist as such was not called in question after the re-establishment of peace upon the basis of national independence in 1783.

Joseph Webb, Jr., occupied an honorable place in mercantile circles. His place of business was at one time at the lower end of Water Street. Here he met

the terrible misfortune of fire in 1760. During that year a great conflagration destroyed three hundred and forty-nine dwelling-houses, stores and shops, leaving one thousand of the inhabitants without a roof to cover their heads. Among the sufferers was Joseph Webb, Jr. He recovered from his losses, however, and recommenced business on Long Lane, now known as Federal Street, where also he had his residence. It is proper to remark here, that during the life of his father, the subject of our sketch signed "Junior" to his name, and perhaps continued that practice after the death of the former. We are not able to fix the time of the death of Joseph Webb, Senior, but presume it occurred before that of the junior Webb, from the fact that no mention is made of the father in the will of the son, and the signature appears without the addendum of "Junior." We have seen a letter written by the junior Webb, dated April 20, 1770, signed Joseph Webb, Jr.; ten years later, however, his name was written without the "Junior" attached.

The fact that Joseph Webb was a citizen of wealth, and that his worldly goods were freely bestowed for the benefit of the public treasury, is satisfactorily established by the following ancient notes of hand from the Town Treasurer of Boston:—

"No. 6

BOSTON June 23, 1780.

"I promise to pay to Joseph Webb Esquire or Order
"one hundred & fifty Pounds out of the next Tax,
"with Interest until paid; so much he lends as Part of

"The Brethren are therefore requested to assemble
"at the Rev. Mr. Belknap's Meeting-House precisely
"at half past four o'clock.

"JOHN LOWELL, *Dep. Grand Master.*

"JOSIAH BARTLETT }
"THOMAS EDWARDS } *Grand Wardens.*

Rev. Mr. Belknap's meeting-house was on the corner of Berry Street and Long Lane — Berry Street was afterwards known as Channing Street and Long Lane is known as Federal Street. This old meeting-house was famed for being the place where the meeting was held in 1788 to consider the adoption of the Constitution of the United States. The issue of the "Boston Gazette" of April 30 repeats the notice.

From the Grand Lodge records we quote as follows : —

"The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts convened by
"special summons Friday evening April 27th, 5787.
"The R.W. Deputy Grand Master (John Lowell),
"having informed the Lodge that it had pleased the
"Supreme Architect of the Universe to call from this
"transitory life the Most Worshipful Joseph Webb,
"Esquire, late Grand Master of Ancient Masons, in
"consequence of which the Grand Lodge came to the
"following resolutions :

"That Brother Bartlett be desired to draft an advertisement proper for the occasion.

"That Brothers Revere, Scollay, and Dexter be a committee to regulate the funeral procession.

"That Brother Dexter be desired to write a Billet to

"Grand Modern Lodge of St. Andrews, requesting
"their attendance.

"That Brother Dunkerley be appointed Assistant
"Grand Marshal.

"That the Committee be fully empowered to take
"all such measures as to them may appear necessary
"for the due conducting of the funeral, in such hon-
"ourable manner and decent solemnity as is agreeable
"to the established customs of Ancient Masons.

"A true record, GEO. RICHARDS, *Secretary.*"

No other notice of the death or burial of Grand Master Webb appears in any Boston newspaper (newspaper men were not as enterprising as at the present day) until May 9, 1787, when the following appeared in the "Massachusetts Centinel :"—

"The funeral of Joseph Webb, Esquire, late Colonel
"of the Boston Regiment and Grand Master of Ancient
"Masons, was on the 30th ult. The Corps (*sic*), fol-
"lowed by the mourning relatives and friends, was pre-
"ceded by a large and respectable number of the Breth-
"ren from the different Lodges in town, ornamented
"with their Jewels and arrayed in all the insignia of
"Masonry, attended with military musick, and several
"Officers of the Grand Lodge bearing lighted tapers.
"Colonel Webb, besides the offices above mentioned,
"had sustained several important town offices ; and all
"which he discharged with credit to himself and to
"the approbation of his fellow citizens. He died in
"the fifty-third year of his age, sincerely regretted by
"all who were acquainted with his worth and abilities."

The excerpts given from the two Boston papers are all that we can discover in the public prints concerning the death and burial of Joseph Webb. When we consider the diminutive proportions of the newspapers of a hundred years ago, and that the local news items occupied a very small space, and were considered secondary to information from London and other foreign places, it is not particularly astonishing that a citizen of such note as the subject of our sketch should be borne to his final resting-place with only such brief note as we have herein transcribed. It appears, however, that one friend of Colonel Webb was very much mortified that the "Gazette" took so little notice of the death and obsequies of so eminent a citizen, and entered complaint to the manager of the newspaper, from which complaint or criticism he derived about as much satisfaction as is usually obtained in our modern times by those who think there is something to improve in a newspaper, and have the courage to say so.

It will be observed that the funeral of Grand Master Webb took place from his residence at five o'clock in the afternoon of an April day. His body was probably interred in some burying place in the town of Boston, but the locality has not been discovered. Dust was returned to dust, as the sun, which is the glory and beauty of the day, "cast its setting glow "over the purple sea." How Masonically appropriate such a burial, and how significant is it of the beautiful lesson we are taught in Masonry !

"Earth's highest station ends in 'Here he lies,'
And 'Dust to dust' concludes her noblest song."

JOSEPH WEBB'S WILL.

The following is the Will of Joseph Webb, published by him as his last Will and Testament, April 8, 1787, not many days before his death : —

IN THE NAME OF THE EVER BLESSED TRINITY,
FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST :

I, Joseph Webb, of Boston, in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Esquire, being Sick and Weak, but, thro' the Goodness of God of Sound and disposing mind and memory, and considering that I must shortly Die, do make and ordain this my last Will as follows : That is to say first and principally I commit my precious and immortal Soul, into the hands of God who gave it, relying Solely on his Mercy thro' the merits and Satisfaction of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for the Pardon of all my sins, and gracious Acceptance with him ; my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Executors herein after named, not doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God ; and as for such Worldly Estate as it hath pleased the Lord to bless me with, I will and order that the same be Employed and bestowed in the following manner. That is to say — Imprimis. I will and order that all my just debts and Funeral expenses be well & truly

paid by my Executors with all convenient speed after my Decease.

Item — I will and Order that all my Stock and Trade as soon as may be after my Decease, be sold at Publick Auction, to enable my Executors herein after named to pay off my just debts and the Legacies herein after mentioned as soon as Conveniently can be—

Item — I give to the Children of my Sister, late wife of M^r John Edwards deceased. Viz^t Thomas Edwards Esq^r, Polley Symonds, wife of M^r Jonathan Symonds, Nabby Cushing, wife to — Cushing, Lewis Edwards of Petersburg, in Virginia. And Nancy Warring wife of M^r Henry Warring of said Petersburg the sum of Ten pounds each.

Item — I give to M^{rs} Sarah Webb widow of my late Brother Nehemiah Webb deceased the sum of Ten pounds. I also give to their Children viz^t Joseph, Deborah, Sally, Nabby, Daniel, Lydia & Thomas the sum of Ten pounds to be equally divided between them.—

Item — I give to my Sister Deborah Smith of Sandwich in the County of Barnstable, Widow, the sum of Ten pounds for the love I bear her.—

Item — I give to my sister Gracy Tobey, wife of Capt Prince Tobey of Sandwich aforesaid, the sum of Ten pounds for the love I bear her.—

Item — I give to my Niece Deborah Webb the sum of Six pounds in Clothing in Addition to what I have given her among her Sisters and Brothers for her care of me in my sickness.

Item—I give to Hannah Potter the sum of Two pounds out of Friendship.—

Item—I give to the aforementioned Thomas Edwards Esquire, my Gold Watch.

Item—I give to my Young Man William Baker the sum of Ten pounds for his great care and attention to my Business.—

Item—I give to my Friend M^r Henry Simpson the sum of Ten pounds, out of True Love and Friendship which I ever bore him.—

Item—I give to my beloved wife Penelope, the Income use and Improvement of all the Rest Residue & Remainder of my Estate, both Real, Personal and mixt. . . . Whatsoever and wheresoever the same is shall or may be found for and during the Term of her Natural Life.—

Item—All my Estate Real, Personal & Mixt that shall remain after my said wife's decease, I give devise and bequeath to and among my before named surviving relations to be equally divided between them and holden by them, their heirs and assigns in equal parts forever as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants.—

Item—I do hereby Nominate and appoint my said wife Penelope and M^r Samuel Clap to be the Executors of this my last will, hereby revoking making null and void, all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made, declaring this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said Joseph Webb have hereunto set my hand and Seal, the Eighth day of April, in the year

of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Eighty-seven.

JOS. WEBB. [SEAL]

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Joseph Webb the Testator to be his last will and Testament, in the presence of — Sam^l Bangs — sworn — Henry Simpson — Isaac Rand, Junr. — sworn.

SUFFOLK, ss: The aforewritten Will being presented for Probate by the Executors therein named, Samuel Bangs & Isaac Rand Jun^r made oath that they saw Joseph Webb Esq^r deceased acknowledge the above Instrument sign and seal & also heard him publish and declare the same to be his Last Will & Testament and that when he so did he was of sound disposing mind & memory according to these Deponents best discerning and that they together with Henry Simpson now absent set to their hands as Witnesses thereof, in the said Testator's presence.

O. WENDELL—

Boston May 3 1788

J. Probate.

This is from an attested copy bearing the teste of
P. R. GUINEY, *Register.*

The estate left by Joseph Webb, including his residence on Long Lane, with his store and land belonging to the same on the same street, estimated under the depreciation of Continental money consequent upon the war, was in value about twenty-five thousand dollars.

We close our sketch of the life and work of Joseph Webb with the words of R.W. Past Grand Master John T. Heard, at the Centennial Celebration, March 8, 1877: —

"I think, Most Worshipful, that we are fortunate in
"being able to refer to the record of our Grand Master
"of the Grand Lodge in 1777 and find a character
"unspotted; a character deserving the esteem, respect,
"and honor of our Fraternity."

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX A.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING :

Whereas a petition has been presented to me by sundry Brethren, to wit — J. Elliot Bond, N. E. Hol- lace, Wm F. Story, Seth B. Cushing, Horatio H. Crawford, George W Frost, Edward S. Goulston, Albro A. Osgood, J. Waldo Denny, Thomas W. Shapleigh, D. T. Brigham, Benj'n Magoun, George Carbis, Alex. McKinley, Oscar C. Pullen, William H. Gleason, Julius A Greene, W. B. Foster, Columbia R Beal, John A. Campbell, Jos. A. Plumer, James L. Hovey, Frank D. Bullard, Seth Perkins, William Tyner, John T. Stetson, praying to be congregated into a regular Lodge under the name and title of JOSEPH WEBB LODGE, with permission to hold the same in the City of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts —

And Whereas, said petitioners have been recommended to me as Master Masons in good standing, by the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Several Lodges holden in Boston, and their petition having been countersigned and approved by our

District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District—

Therefore I, Percival Lowell Everett, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, reposing full confidence in the recommendations aforesaid, and in the Masonic integrity and ability of the petitioners, do by virtue of the authority of my office, and of Ancient Masonic usage, hereby grant this Dispensation — authorizing and empowering our trusty and well beloved Brethren aforesaid, to form and open a Lodge after the manner of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and therein to admit and make Free Masons according to the ancient custom, and not otherwise.

And this Dispensation is to continue in full force until the Quarterly Communication of our Grand Lodge aforesaid, to be holden in the city of Boston in the month of March A.D. 1877, A.L. 5877, unless sooner revoked by me or by authority of our Grand Lodge.

And I do hereby appoint Brother J. Elliot Bond to be first Master, Brother N. Edgar Hollace to be first Senior Warden and Brother William F. Story to be first Junior Warden of said Lodge. And it shall be the duty of said Master and Wardens and their associates, and they are hereby required, to return this Dispensation, with a correct transcript of all proceedings had under the authority of the same, together with an attested copy of their By-Laws, to our Grand Lodge aforesaid, at the expiration of the time herein specified, for examination and such further action in

the premises as shall be deemed wise and proper for the general interests of the Craft.

Given under our hand and the seal of our Grand Lodge aforesaid, at Boston, this Eighth day of March A.D. 1876 A.L. 5876.

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,
Grand Master.

Attest: CHARLES H. TITUS
[SEAL] *Recording Grand Secretary.*

APPENDIX B.

CHARTER.

To all the Fraternity to whom these Presents shall come, THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS of the COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, sends GREETING :

Whereas, a Petition has been presented to us by —

J. Elliot Bond	George Carbis
N. Edgar Hollace	James L. Hovey
Thomas W. Shapleigh	Columbia R. Beal
William Tyner	William H. Gleason
J. Waldo Denny	Edward S. Goulston
George W. Frost	Seth Perkins
Oscar C. Pullen	Joseph A. Plumer
Albro A. Osgood	Seth B. Cushing
Daniel T. Brigham	William F. West

Horatio H. Crawford

John A. Campbell

Julius A. Greene

Benjamin Magoun

all Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, praying that they, with all others who shall hereafter join them, may be erected and Constituted into a Regular Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, which Petition appearing to us as tending to the advancement of Masonry and to the good of the Craft;

KNOW YE THEREFORE, that We the Grand Lodge aforesaid, reposing special Trust & Confidence in the Prudence and Fidelity of our Brethren above-named, have constituted and appointed, and by these Presents do constitute and appoint them the said Brethren, a Regular Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons under the title and designation of

Joseph Webb Lodge,

Hereby giving and granting unto them and their successors, full power and authority to convene Masons within the City of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth aforesaid, to receive and enter Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts and raise Master Masons, upon the payment of such compensation for the same, as may be determined by the Grand Lodge: Also to make choice annually of a Master, Wardens and other office bearers: to receive and collect funds for the relief of poor and distressed Brethren, their widows and orphans; and in general to transact all matters relating to Masonry which to them may appear to be for the good of the Craft, according to the ancient usages and customs of Masons.

And we do hereby require the said Constituted Brethren, to attend the Grand Lodge, at its Quarterly and other Communications, by their Masters and Wardens, or by Proxy, regularly appointed. Also, to keep a fair and correct Record of all their proceedings, and to lay the same before the Grand Lodge when required.

And we do enjoin upon our Brethren of the said Lodge, that they be punctual in the Annual Payment of such sums as may be assessed for the support of the Grand Lodge; that they behave themselves respectfully and obediently to their superiors in office and in all other respects conduct themselves as good Masons.

And we do hereby declare the precedence of the said Lodge, in the Grand Lodge and elsewhere, to commence from the eighth day of March A.D 1876, A L 5876.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We, the Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, by virtue of the power and authority to us Committed, have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of our Grand Lodge to be affixed, at Boston, this Fourteenth day of March Anno Domini One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-seven, Anno Lucis, Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

[SEAL] PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,
Grand Master.

CHARLES ALFRED WELCH,
Deputy Grand Master.

By Order of the Grand Lodge,

Attest: CHARLES H. TITUS,
Grand Secretary.

DANIEL W. LAWRENCE
Senior Grand Warden,

CHARLES J. DANFORTH,
Junior Grand Warden.

[From the Grand Lodge Records.]

CONSTITUTION OF JOSEPH WEBB LODGE.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION,

FRIDAY, MARCH 23 A.L. 5877.

A special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Friday, the twenty-third of March A.L. 5877, A.D. 1877, for the purpose of constituting Joseph Webb Lodge and installing its officers.

PRESENT—

M.W. Percival Lowell Everett, Grand Master.
R.W. Charles A. Welch, Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Daniel W. Lawrence, Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Charles J. Danforth, Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. William D. Coolidge, Past Grand Master.
R.W. William Parkman, “ “ “
R.W. Charles Levi Woodbury, Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Samuel P. Oliver, Past Grand Warden.
R.W. Wyzeman Marshall, “ “ “

R.W. John McClellan Grand Treasurer.
R.W. Charles H. Titus, Recording Grand Secretary
and Acting Grand Chaplain.
R.W. Henry G. Fay D.D.G. Master, District No. 1
W. William H. Chessman Grand Marshal
W. Thomas Waterman Grand Lecturer.
W. William H. H. Soule Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Henry S. Bunton *as* Junior Grand Deacon.
W. Marlborough Williams Senior Grand Steward.
Bro. James M. Gleason *as* Junior Grand Steward.
Bro. John B. Rhodes *as* Grand Organist.
Bro. Benjamin F. Nourse Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened in the small hall, at 8 o'clock P.M. in Ample Form, and was conducted by the Grand Marshal to the Grand Lodge hall, where the brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge were assembled. There were also present many of the Masters, Wardens and members of the Lodges in Boston and vicinity to the number of about one hundred and seventy-five.

The officers of the Grand Lodge having assumed their several stations, prayer was offered by the Acting Grand Chaplain.

The twenty-two Brethren named in the Charter were constituted into a regular Lodge, in AMPLE FORM, under the title and designation of JOSEPH WEBB LODGE, in accordance with the ancient usage of the Craft and the ritual of this Grand Lodge, and proclamation thereof was duly made.

The Brother designated as Master — a Past Master of Adelphi Lodge — was installed by the Grand

Master; the Wardens were severally installed by the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and the remaining officers by the Deputy Grand Master.

[Here follow the names of officers installed.]

The Grand Master briefly addressed the members of the new Lodge, and introduced R.W. Past Deputy Grand Master Charles Levi Woodbury, who presented the following address:—

Most Worshipful Grand Master and you Brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge:—

Your new Lodge is named after Joseph Webb, who, a century before the date of your Charter, was elected and installed Grand Master of the Old York Masons of Massachusetts. Upon you the Grand Lodge has devolved the trust of bearing his honored name, and of squaring your Masonic life by the rule of his sturdy virtues. I have so lately delivered an oration on the Centennial of this Grand Lodge that I ought to be brief in my remarks on him whose name you bear. He was the first Grand Master elected and installed in this country. His election was the sign and symbol that the revolutionary struggle which made these colonies free from British rule had transmitted its energy to the York Masons, and they also had determined to govern themselves in this independent State, and spread their rite under their own sovereign authority, in conformity with the ancient landmarks, but without subordination to any foreign Grand Lodge.

In this Commonwealth Masonry was organized first under the authority of the Grand Lodge at London (subsequently known as "Moderns") by virtue of a charter to Henry Price, in 1733, creating him a Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand

Lodge he organized was called the St. John's Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Scotland, afterwards in 1769, issued a charter to Joseph Warren, creating him their Provincial Grand Master, by authority of which he convened a Provincial Grand Lodge of the Masons, who, like those of Scotland, practised the Old York or "Ancient" form of Masonry. He died on the blood-stained heights of Bunker Hill, a martyr in the cause of liberty. Behold his portrait on your Grand Master's left! His Deputy Grand Master was Joseph Webb. There were four Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Provincial Grand Lodge. Webb was a patriot; for part of his life he was an auctioneer; [we have seen nothing to demonstrate this statement], he also was a soldier; Lieut-Colonel appears to have been the rank he reached eventually; and occasionally he was absent from Masonic duties, as the record says, "on public business."

The patriots assembled to drive the British army from Boston. The leader of their army was General George Washington, whose portrait hangs here on my right.

Many of the Masons of Boston were with him. John Rowe, who was Provincial Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge, himself also a zealous patriot, granted a charter to the Masons of the Connecticut line to hold an Army Lodge, "American Union," at Roxbury, in the besieging army, and our Brethren, though shut out from their own Lodges, enjoyed Masonic privileges with the Connecticut line until the evacuation of Boston [March 17] enabled them to return in triumph to their free homes.

The war so dispersed the Brethren that regular Lodge meetings were rare. The opinions of the surviving officers of General Warren's Grand Lodge were that the Deputy Grand Master had not power under General Warren's Commission to grant charters

to new Lodges. This fact did not balk them. They lived in a free State, Scotland was at war with them, and by Masonic law they had a right to a Masonic independence. They resolved to exercise this right with its objections; and they did.

On March 8, 1777, the Old Grand Lodge came together, Joseph Webb at their head, and formally elected him Grand Master, and installed him and other officers, and set up for themselves free, sovereign and independent—the first self-created Grand Lodge on the continent; the leader of the immortal band of Grand Lodges which now represent all the legitimate Masonry in the Union.

The courage and the sturdy virtues which a hundred years ago gave us freedom in political and Masonic government will be constantly before you as the model of a lofty Masonic character.

Colonel Webb was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge. He died in 1787, I think it was; he left a widow, a will, and a good estate. I find his name as a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. You will find more of him in the Centennial proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Yet more facts about his private life could, with a little research, be gathered and preserved. This labor will be particularly your duty, members of Joseph Webb Lodge, and long ere the centennial anniversary of his death I have no doubt you will have thoroughly performed this pious undertaking.

W. Master and members of Joseph Webb Lodge, you are entering on a new career. It rests on you whether your Lodge will be a success or a failure. The ancient charges given you have for centuries proved sufficient to preserve the weal of Lodges and the prosperity of the Craft when they are rightly understood and fairly lived up to.

Masonry is a social Institution, and its basis is the

good sense, honesty, and truth of its Craftsmen. The virtues we cherish are plain and homespun, those which the experience of life shows are the safeguard of the practical middle interests of society. We neither seek the very rich nor the very poor, neither the erratic scintillations of genius nor the unimpressible apathy of ignorance.

"The rank is but the guinea's stamp,
The man's the gold for a' that."

The Masons, as a class, represent, more than any other I know of, the practical common-sense of the whole community in its most liberal aspect, solid men of judgment, selected from every interest in society for the good of society. Our Institution seeks no political distinction, nor does she ostracise any one for his politics. We welcome good men of all parties, and think the more they meet here on the level the better they all will be for it. We welcome varieties in creeds as we do in politics; an equal consideration for all good men. Every Mason has his own politics, his own creed; that is his private right. To our Fraternity the solid character is the test of the man, — his equity, his prudence, his energy, his social worth. Has he, in the common sense of the word, a good character; does he possess the solid virtues of life? And in this his social and benevolent qualities are included. These are the vital questions that should occupy you in selecting candidates for admission. The candidate's proof should be made in his life *before* you admit him to your mysteries. It is too late after he is in. Masonry does improve good men, but the foundation must exist before. She has no divine privilege to regenerate a captious spirit, to change a fool into a man of sense, or a rogue into an honest man. She needs good material to begin on, and of

such a man she will make a better man day by day as long as he lives.

This is what we claim for her. He may be a rough ashlar when he enters, but if the structure, the character, is all right, Masonry will hew him into a perfect ashlar soon. You cannot make a square man out of a stone cracked, rotten, or full of shakes. My experience, every man's experience, is that Masonry improves the tone of his character, takes the rough edges off his prejudices in a marked degree, and makes him a worthier neighbor, a better member of a family, more reverential in his piety, and more disinterested in his patriotism. To the social system Masonry is a balance-wheel, steadying and restraining the excesses and vagaries of the motor power, the human will, but neither having relation to the construction and working parts of the political machine, nor capacity to any relation thereto. That it has this value in society is due, first, to the social and sturdy virtues it builds upon; next, to that liberality that exacts no sacrifice of private opinions on politics or theology, and demands only respect for the laws of the country, and common reverence to the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge, your future reputation is in your own control. Look well to the character of those you select for initiation.

At the conclusion of R. W. Bro. Woodbury's address, the Grand Lodge retired to the place of opening, and was closed in Ample Form at ten minutes before ten o'clock P. M.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest: CHARLES H. TITUS,
Recording Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX C.

BY-LAWS OF JOSEPH WEBB LODGE.

ARTICLE I.

COMPOSITION AND MEETINGS.

Section 1. Joseph Webb Lodge shall be composed of Master Masons named in the Charter, and all Master Masons who shall sign the by-laws as hereinafter provided.

Sect. 2. This Lodge shall hold a Regular Communication on the first Wednesday of each month, but may adjourn during the months of July and August.

Sect. 3. The Annual Meeting shall be held on the second Thursday in November, for the election of officers and the transaction of the business of the Lodge, to which visitors shall not be admitted, except at Installation, which may occur that evening.

Sect. 4. Matters of business pertaining only to the welfare of the Lodge shall be transacted at a Members' Meeting, from which visitors shall be excluded whenever requested by one member.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Section 1. The Officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary, who shall be chosen by ballot at the Annual Meeting, together with Chaplain, Marshal, Senior and Junior Deacon, Senior and Junior Steward, Sentinel, Organist, and Tyler, who

shall severally be appointed by the Worshipful Master at the same or next regular Communication.

Sect. 2. The Master and Wardens shall constitute the Committee on Finance.

Sect. 3. The Master shall appoint at his installation or as soon thereafter as possible, —

1st.— A Committee of five upon Visitation and Relief.

2d.— A Reception Committee of five.

3d.— A Committee of five upon Examination of Visitors.

ARTICLE III.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Section 1. The Finance Committee shall examine and audit all bills presented, before they are read to the Lodge by the Secretary, shall make a thorough inspection of the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Trustees of the Charity Fund before each Annual Meeting, and at such other times as they may choose, and at the Annual Meeting shall submit a written statement of the results of such examinations.

Sect. 2. The Treasurer shall pay only such bills as have been audited and approved by vote of the Lodge; he shall pay over to the Trustees of the Charity Fund such sums as the by-laws require to be so paid and such sums as the Lodge may appropriate for that purpose, and shall, before the Annual Meeting, present to the Finance Committee a full and detailed account of the financial condition of the Lodge, which, being approved by said Committee, shall by him be presented to the Lodge at the Annual Meeting.

Sect. 3. The Secretary shall keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the Lodge; shall notify all Committees of their appointment; issue summonses and notifications when directed by the Master; make a report at the annual meeting, giving a statement of the general and financial condition of the Lodge, stating in detail all moneys received and from whom received, and the amount paid each month to the Treasurer; shall receive all moneys due the Lodge, and pay the same each month to the Treasurer, and shall, in general, perform all duties usually required of such an officer. He shall be paid for his services such sum as the Finance Committee shall determine, subject to the approval of the Lodge.

Sect. 4. The Committee upon Visitation and Relief shall visit all members of this Lodge sick or in distress, and shall attend to all demands for assistance from said members or their families, and in any special emergency may, by the signatures of a majority of their number, draw upon the Treasurer for a sum not exceeding ten dollars at any one time, which draft the Treasurer is authorized to honor and pay. A second and third draft may be made by them if necessary, but in no case shall a larger sum be disbursed by them without consent of the Lodge. The Committee shall report from time to time such visits as they may make, and the condition of any members who may be sick, and shall, at the annual meeting, report in writing the amount of expenditure authorized by them.

Sect. 5. The Reception Committee shall wait upon, introduce and furnish seats to all visiting brethren,

and shall be particularly attentive to such visitors when the Lodge is called from Labor to Refreshment. The members of the Committee shall wear such distinctive badges as the Lodge may direct.

Sect. 6. The Committee upon Examination shall respond to all calls for examination of visitors, and those found qualified to sit in the Lodge shall be introduced to the Lodge. This public introduction may be waived when deemed advisable.

ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERSHIP — HOW ATTAINED.

Section 1. All brothers receiving the Degrees in this Lodge shall be entitled to membership upon signing these By-Laws and without the payment of additional fee; provided that the brothers so receiving the Degrees shall sign these By-Laws within three months of the time of raising; and if not so signed, the brother shall be deemed as having forfeited his right to membership, excepting upon application, examination and payment of fee, as prescribed for brothers raised in another Lodge; and also provided, that previous to signing said By-Laws, objection is not made by any member, which objection may be made in writing, and referred to a committee of three members; and he shall be balloted for in the manner prescribed for the Degrees.

Sect. 2. Any Master Mason having received the Degrees in another Lodge may be proposed for membership after depositing ten dollars with the Secretary [to be returned if rejected, and forfeited to the Lodge

if accepted and the By-Laws are not signed within the time appointed.] If accepted, he shall pay to the Secretary fifteen dollars and sign the By-Laws within three months. The names of applicants for membership shall be borne upon the notifications of the meeting at which final ballot is had.

Sect. 3. Applications for membership may be acted upon at a Members' Meeting.

Sect. 4. Any Master Mason, for distinguished service to this Lodge, or to the Fraternity, may, upon recommendation of any member, be elected an Honorary Member, in the manner provided for election to membership under Section two of this Article, except that he be not required to pay the fee or sign the By-Laws; provided, that no member of this Lodge shall, by such election, lose the privilege of voting and acting upon any matter before the Lodge.

Sect. 5. Any member of this Lodge may become a Life Member thereof by paying Fifty Dollars at any one time, and he shall be exempt from the Annual Assessment.

Sect. 6. Any member wishing to withdraw from membership, must apply for his demit either in person or in writing to the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

FEES AND DUES.

Section 1. Fees are established for the Degrees as follows :—

For the three Degrees, Fifty Dollars, twenty dollars

to be paid upon making application, and the balance before receiving the First Degree. All moneys paid shall be returned, if the application is rejected ; and forfeited to the Lodge, if, being accepted, the applicant fail to appear for initiation within six months thereafter.

Sect. 2. For Crafting and Raising, when initiated elsewhere, Thirty Dollars, to be paid, one half upon application, and the balance before Crafting.

Sect. 3. For Raising, when Initiated and Crafted elsewhere, Twenty-five Dollars ; ten dollars to be paid upon application, and the balance before raising.

Sect. 4. An Assessment of Five Dollars per annum shall be paid by each member on or before the Annual Meeting ; and if not so paid, the Secretary shall forthwith notify delinquents of the neglect, and if said assessments remain unpaid for six months after the Annual Meeting, the Secretary shall report the same to the Lodge for action.

ARTICLE VI.

MEMBERS' DUTY, ETC.

Section 1. All applications for Degrees shall be referred to a Committee of three members, and this Committee shall report at the next Regular Communication. Should any member appointed be unable to attend to the duty, he shall immediately notify the Master, giving the reason for the inability. If any member appointed upon such committee is unavoidably detained from the meeting, he shall authorize some member to report for him. Neglect in the performance of this duty shall be considered an offence against the Lodge.

Sect. 2. No member shall disclose any of the business transacted in the Lodge to others than members of the Lodge, and any violation of this section shall be considered an offence against the Lodge. Any visitor guilty of this offence shall ever after be prohibited from visiting this Lodge. The Secretary shall read this section at the close of every business meeting.

Sect. 3. The Tyler shall receive such compensation as the Finance Committee may determine, subject to the approval of the Lodge.

Sect. 4. No funds shall be taken from the Treasury for convivial purposes, except by two thirds vote of the members present.

[The following article was adopted as an amendment to the By-Laws, June 2, 1886, and was approved by the Grand Lodge.]

ARTICLE VII.

Section 1. A special fund known as the Charity Fund, to be used only for Charitable purposes, shall be created and maintained as follows : —

1. All fees received for life memberships.
2. Five Dollars for each initiate.
3. Five per cent. of all dues.
4. All moneys appropriated by the Lodge for such purposes.
5. All interest accruing from this fund.
6. Any other donation or money contributed.

The per cent. on dues to be paid over to the trustees of the Charity Fund at the regular meetings in June and November, all other money the date it is received.

Sect. 2. The Charity Fund shall be held by, and the legal title thereto shall be vested in a Board of three Trustees, who shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting (the first election of Trustees to be held at the next regular communication after the adoption of this by-law and its approval by the Grand Lodge, to serve as follows: the first selected, for three years; the second, for two years; the third, for one year, or until the successor of each is chosen); thereafter, one Trustee to be elected at each annual meeting; *provided*, that no one of the Finance Committee, nor the Treasurer of the Lodge shall be eligible to serve upon the Board of Trustees. An election to fill a vacancy caused by death, resignation or ineligibility, may be held at any regular communication, if notice thereof be given on the call for said communication.

Sect. 3. The Trustees of the Charity Fund shall elect one of their number to act as Treasurer, who shall give his receipt for all money received, keep a fair record of all amounts received and all money invested or expended, and all transactions relating to said fund, in a suitable book, which shall at all times be subject to the examination of the Trustees and the Finance Committee.

The Trustees shall report at each annual meeting, the condition of said fund, stating in detail the amounts received, invested or expended, with the amount of the fund on hand.

Sect. 4. The Trustees shall invest the funds as directed by vote of the Lodge. When this fund shall

amount to five hundred dollars or more, the Trustees may expend a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars on any one case, for the relief of a member or his family, and shall pay any such sums as may be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the Lodge, provided it shall not, in any case, reduce the fund to less than three hundred dollars. In case the fund is reduced to three hundred dollars, ten per cent. of the dues shall be appropriated till the amount of five hundred dollars is reached.

Sect. 5. This Article shall not be suspended, repealed or amended in any manner, except by unanimous vote of the members present, notice of any intended suspension, repeal or amendment having been sent to each member at least one month previous to action being taken thereon.

ARTICLE VIII.

Sect. 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any communication of the Lodge, notice of the proposed amendments having been filed at a previous communication and borne upon the notification for the meeting when action is to be had. A vote of two thirds of the members present shall be required for the adoption of any proposed amendments, *provided*, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any part of Article VII. of these By-Laws.

Sect. 2. A copy of these By-Laws shall be furnished to each member.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN GRAND LODGE March 4, 1877.

The foregoing By-Laws were approved.

Attest: CHARLES H. TITUS,
Grand Secretary.

[GRAND LODGE SEAL]

DESCRIPTION OF SEAL OF JOSEPH WEBB LODGE.

(Adopted February 7, 1877).



A half circle upper scroll with raised letters—"Joseph Webb Lodge, F.A.M.;" over this scroll, the uplifted arm and sword belonging to the Coat of Arms of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Forming the centre under the scroll a shield, having upon its crest the letters and figures, "A.L. 5876," and upon its base the

Square and Compass, the letter G being between the points, and the shield surrounded by representation of corn in the ear. At the bottom of the seal is a scroll having upon it in raised letters the words, "Boston, Mass."

WHERE RAISED.	DATE.
Joseph Elliot Bond.	Feb. 22, 1866
Nelson Edgar Hollace.	April 5, 1866
Thomas Wentworth Shapleigh.	Feb. 12, 1864
William Tyner.	Oct. 7, 1869
Joseph Waldo Denny.	June 25, 1866
George Williams Frost.	May 10, 1866
Oscar Clifford Pullen.	April 21, 1874
Albro Aaron Osgood.	Nov. 21, 1871
Daniel Taylor Brigham.	June 15, 1875
Horatio Hiram Crawford.	April 21, 1874
Julius Augustus Greene.	Feb. 22, 1864
George Carbis.	May 19, 1874
James Lewis Hovey.	Feb. 2, 1864
Columbia Richmond Beal.	June 25, 1874
William Henry Gleason.	April 21, 1874
Edward Selmar Goulston.	June 13, 1867
Seth Perkins.	April 1, 1869
Joseph Atkinson Plumer.	May 19, 1874
Seth Briggs Cushing.	April 1, 1869
William French West.	May 3, 1866
John Adolphe Campbell.	May 10, 1872
Benjamin Magoun.	Nov. 16, 1875
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LIST OF MEMBERS.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	RAISED.	REMARKS.
Adams, John	Boston.	March 1, 1882.	
Almy, Robert T.	Boston.	June 6, 1883.	
Baldwin, Vine D.	Boston.	July 1, 1885.	
Beal, Columbia R.	Boston.	June 25, 1874.	Raised in Mt. Tabor Lodge, East Boston; by demit to Adelphi Lodge June 15, 1875; Charter Member Joseph Webb Lodge.
Bensemoil, Jacob	Boston.	Feb. 2, 1881.	
Bond, J. Elliot	Somerville.	Feb. 22, 1866.	Raised in Adelphi Lodge, South Boston; Charter Member, March 23, 1877; died Dec. 3, 1883.
Brigham, Albert W.	Boston.	Dec. 3, 1879.	
Brigham, Daniel T.	Boston.	June 15, 1875.	Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member.
Browne, William K.	Boston.	March 6, 1878.	
Bruorton, George E.	Somerville.	June 6, 1888.	
Bunten, Alonzo	Somerville.	March 1, 1882.	
Burbank, Eleazer R.	Boston.	March 30, 1874.	Membership Jan. 3, 1883, by demit from Lafayette Lodge, Manchester, N.H.
Burbank, Franz D.	Somerville.	Jan. 3, 1877.	Membership March 23, 1877; discharged Sept. 1, 1886.

Burleigh, Albert P.	Boston.	Oct. 10, 1877.	
Campbell, John	Boston.	Feb. 2, 1881.	Discharged Feb. 1, 1888.
Campbell, John A.	Boston.	May 10, 1872.	Raised in Winslow Lewis Lodge, Boston; Charter Member.
Campbell, John D.	Boston.	June 4, 1884.	
Capstick, John H.	Montville, N.J.	Feb. 20, 1878.	Life Member.
Carbis, George	Long Island City, N.Y.	May 19, 1874.	Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member.
Chase, Francis A.	Boston.	Jan. 3, 1877.	Membership March 23, 1877; elected Secretary 12 terms; served 11 terms.
Clark, Eugene A.	Boston.	March 7, 1888.	
Clark, George Faber	Boston.	Feb. 3, 1886.	
Clark, George Francis	Boston.	Nov. 7, 1883.	
Colburn, Willis W.	New York City.	April 4, 1883.	
Cole, Charles H.	Boston.	March 7, 1888.	Died Dec. 4, 1886.
Cook, Thomas N., Jr.	Hyde Park.	May 15, 1878.	
Coolidge, William C.	Boston.	March 5, 1884.	
Coombs, John H.	Boston.	June 2, 1880.	Life Member.
Corley, Thomas	Boston.	Sept. 5, 1877.	
Cottle, Henry C.	Newton Highlands.	July 5, 1882.	

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	RAISED.	REMARKS.
Cox, Frank E.	Chelsea.	Dec. 21, 1881.	
Crawford, Horatio H.	Boston.	April 21, 1874.	Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member.
Cumming, Alfred J.	Boston.	Nov. 6, 1878.	
Cushing, Philip A.	Boston.	Sept. 7, 1887.	
Cushing, Seth B.	Hingham.	April 1, 1869.	Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member; died May 13, 1885.
Davis, Benjamin F.	South Waterboro', Me.	Dec. 5, 1877.	Discharged Feb. 1, 1888.
Davis, Sylvester L.	Boston.	Dec. 5, 1877.	Died Nov. 11, 1879.
Denny, J. Waldo	Boston.	June 25, 1866.	Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member.
Dooley, James E.	Boston.	May 7, 1879.	
Dukelow, Charles T.	Boston.	June 6, 1888.	
Evans, Frank N.	Providence, R.I.	Feb. 5, 1879.	
Evans, Robert	Revere.	June 3, 1878.	Raised in St. John's Lodge, Boston; joined by demit Dec. 4, 1878.
Ford, Horace M.	Boston.	June 22, 1880.	By demit from Union Lodge, Dorchester; membership Jan. 2, 1884.
Foster, George R.	Boston.	July 5, 1882.	

French, William C.	Boston.			By demit from Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 614, New York, dated Jan. 15, 1873; membership Nov. 5, 1884.
Frost, George W.	Boston.	May 10, 1866.		Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member.
Gaensslen, August F.	Boston.	Dec. 5, 1877.		
Gage, Silas G.	Boston.	Nov. 1, 1882.		
Gilbert, George H.	Boston.	June 6, 1888.		
Gleason, William H.	Boston.	April 21, 1874.		Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member; demitted Nov. 7, 1883.
Gould, Charles B.	Boston.	May 5, 1886.		
Goulston, Edward S.	Boston.	June 13, 1867.		Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member.
Goulston, Philip	Boston.	Dec. 6, 1876.		Membership March 23, 1877.
Gray, Henry C.	Malden.	Oct. 6, 1886.		
Greene, Julius A.	Walpole.	Feb. 22, 1864.		Raised in Joseph Warren Lodge, Boston; Charter Member; died Feb. 8, 1881.
Grove, Elijah H.	Boston.	Dec. 21, 1881.		
Gurney, Silas	Boston.	Feb. 4, 1885.		
Ham, John F.	Boston.	May 7, 1879.		
Ham, William A.	Boston.	June 1, 1881.		

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	RAISED.	REMARKS.
Hanscom, Orinton M.	Boston.	Nov. 1877.	By demit from Atlantic Lodge No. 181, Maine; membership March 6, 1878.
Hayden, Joseph O.	Somerville.	July 5, 1876.	Membership March 23, 1877.
Hayward, Hampton V.	Boston.	Feb. 20, 1878.	
Herter, Robert	Boston.	June 14, 1884.	
Hill, Alexander	Boston.	Dec. 21, 1881.	Discharged Sept. 1, 1886.
Hill, Charles F.	Boston.	Feb. 2, 1881.	
Hill, James F.	Boston.	June 5, 1878.	
Hill, Laban M. T.	Boston.	April 4, 1877.	
Hill, Lew C.	Boston.	Feb. 7, 1883.	
Hinkley, William W.	Boston.	June 6, 1883.	Discharged Nov. 18, 1885.
Hollace, Nelson E.	Boston.	April 5, 1866.	Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member; demitted Nov. 21, 1885.
Holmgren, Charles	Boston.	May 15, 1878.	Demitted Feb. 3, 1878.
Hopkins, Sam'l B. 2d	Boston.	Oct. 6, 1886.	
Hopkins, William A.	Boston.	June 2, 1880.	
Hovey, James L.	Boston.	Feb. 2, 1864.	Raised in Revere Lodge, Boston; Charter Member.
Howard, Charles	Boston.	July 1, 1885.	
Howard, John L.	Boston.	June 27, 1880.	By demit from Union Lodge June 4, 1884.

Howe, Frank D.	Boston.	Feb.	3, 1886.	Demitted Dec. 4, 1878; elected Honorary Member May 2, 1883, for heroism displayed upon the high seas, February, 1883, in rescuing forty-four persons from death, some of whom were Mas- ter Masons.
Hutchinson, William	Boston.	Feb.	7, 1883.	
Irving, Peter J.	Liverpool, Eng.	Oct.	10, 1877.	
James, Julius	Liverpool, Eng.	Feb.	18, 1880.	Demitted Oct. 4, 1882.
Jenkins, Daniel	Malden.	Feb.	7, 1883.	Died Aug. 2, 1887.
Jones, Melville D.	Somerville.	May	15, 1878.	
Kebler, Amory J.	Boston.	Jan.	3, 1877.	Membership March 23, 1877; dis- charged June 6, 1883.
Keezer, Mark J.	Boston.	Jan.	5, 1887.	
Keith, Allen F.	East Cambridge.	March	7, 1888.	
Keller, John S.	Boston.	Jan.	3, 1877.	Membership March 23, 1877.
Kelley, Michael	Boston.	Dec.	6, 1876.	Membership March 23, 1877.
Kenah, Frank T.	Boston.	Dec.	7, 1887.	
Kenah, William H.	Boston.	Dec.	7, 1887.	
Kent, Robert R.	Boston.	Sept.	5, 1877.	Demitted June 18, 1882.
Kiernan, Francis T.	Somerville.	Sept.	5, 1877.	
Kramer, Henry C.	Boston.	Sept.	7, 1887.	

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	RAISED.	REMARKS.
Lane, Lemuel H.	Boston.	Feb. 3, 1886.	
Lee, William H.	Boston.	July 5, 1876.	Membership March 23, 1877.
Littlefield, Charles C.	Boston.	April 4, 1883.	
Lloyd, Andrew J.	Boston.	Nov. 4, 1885.	
Lovell, Warren D.	Boston.	July 5, 1882.	
Lucas, James F.	Boston.	May 28, 1880.	
Magoun, Benjamin	Boston.	Nov. 16, 1875.	Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member; Life Member.
Mahany, Rowland B.	Buffalo, N. Y.	Feb. 3, 1886.	Graduated at Harvard College June 27, 1888.
Manson, Fred T.	Boston.	March 3, 1880.	
Marble, Ezra, Jr.	Boston.	Nov. 1, 1882.	
McKie, William	Boston.	May 5, 1886.	
McLean, Charles N.	Rockville, Conn.	March 3, 1880.	
Meloon, Joseph L.	Boston.	Dec. 7, 1887.	
Merrill, Alphonso T.	Topsfield, Mass.	Nov. 6, 1878.	Discharged Feb. 1, 1888.
Mickel, Augustus	Boston.	April 6, 1887.	Demitted Nov. 2, 1887; moved from the State.
Middleton, Warren D.	Boston.	Dec. 21, 1881.	Demitted Feb. 11, 1885, having located in Laconia, N.H.
Miles, J. Frank	Somerville.	Dec. 6, 1876.	Died Jan. 4, 1888.

Miller, Charles	Boston.	May 28, 1880.	
Mitchell, Joshua	Boston.	Nov. 6, 1878.	
Mitchell, Oreb F.	Boston.	Oct. 4, 1880.	Joined by demit from Union Lodge June 4, 1884.
Morgan, Richard	Boston.	May 15, 1878.	
Morrison, Peter	Boston.	June 4, 1884.	
Murdock, William E.	Boston.	March 1, 1882.	
Nason, Henry	Boston.	Feb. 5, 1879.	
Noyes, John J.	Boston.	Sept. 7, 1881.	Died at Burlington, Vt., May 12, '84.
Nye, William L.	Sandwich.	Sept. 5, 1877.	Discharged Feb. 3, 1886.
Osgood, Albro A.	Roslindale.	Nov. 21, 1871.	Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member.
Paige, E. Clifford	Boston.	March 6, 1878.	
Perkins, John F.	Providence.	July 5, 1876.	Membership March 23, 1877; dis- charged Sept. 7, 1881.
Perkins, Seth, Sen.	Boston.	April 1, 1869.	Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member; died Oct. 6, 1883.
Perkins, Seth, Jr.	Boston.	March 1, 1882.	
Phillips, Fred. A.	Boston.	Oct. 6, 1886.	
Philpots, Robert G.	Boston.	June 2, 1880.	
Pickard, Edward L.	Revere.	Feb. 4, 1885.	
Pinkerton, George F.	Boston.	Oct. 4, 1880.	By demit from Union Lodge, June 4, 1884.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	RAISED.	REMARKS.
Plumer, Joseph A.	Boston.	May 19, 1874.	Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member; demitted June 6, 1883.
Pope, Ahrend C. J.	Boston.	May 5, 1886.	
Pratt, Ralph C.	Boston.	Dec. 7, 1887.	
Pray, Albert G.	Boston.	April 4, 1877.	
Prescott, Rev. Geo. J.	Boston.	June 5, 1878.	Demitted Jan. 2, 1884.
Price, Rev. Lewis V.	Brockton.	Nov. 5, 1884.	
Pullen, Oscar C.	Boston.	April 21, 1874.	Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member.
Quimby, Moody	Boston.	May 10, 1881.	By demit from Union Lodge, Jan. 7, 1887; died Feb. 25, 1888.
Rand, David L.	Boston.	April 6, 1887.	
Raymond, Cadwalader M.	Boston.	March 6, 1878.	
Raymond, Jere'h M.	Boston.	March 6, 1878.	
Reed, Warren A.	Newton.	March 1, 1882.	Discharged Nov. 18, 1885.
Rice, Edwin	Boston.	May 7, 1879.	
Roberts, Fred. H.	Boston.	June 6, 1883.	
Roberts, George T.	Boston.	June 6, 1883.	
Roberts, John E.	Boston.	Dec. 21, 1881.	Discharged Sept. 1, 1886.
Robinson, Jas. E., Jr.	Boston.	March 5, 1884.	
Rodday, Robert J.	Boston.	June 6, 1888.	

Ross, Adam M.	Boston.	Nov.	4, 1885.	
Rowe, Henry M.	Boston.	May	27, 1867.	By demit from Bethlehem Lodge No. 35, Augusta, Me., Sept. 5, 1877.
Rowell, Charles A.	Boston.	Feb.	2, 1881.	
Royal, George H., Jr.	Boston.	April	4, 1883.	
Scott, Arthur J.	Boston.	May	15, 1878.	
Scott, John K.	Boston.	July	5, 1876.	Membership March 23, 1877; Life Member.
Scott, William J.	Boston.	Nov.	4, 1885.	
Seaver, William F.	Boston.	Feb.	7, 1883.	
Shapleigh, Thos. W.	Boston.	Feb.	12, 1864.	Raised in Winslow Lewis Lodge; Charter Member.
Shorey, Melville E.	Boston.	Dec.	3, 1879.	Discharged Sept. 7, 1882.
Skinner, Edward W.	Boston.	Feb.	4, 1885.	
Smith, Albert P.	Boston.	March	6, 1878.	
Smith, Frederick A., M.D.	Boston.	April	27, 1878.	By demit from Roswell Lee Lodge of Springfield, April 6, 1881.
Smith, Marcellus N.	Newton.	April	25, 1876.	By demit from St. Mark's Lodge No. 44, of Derry, N.H., June 18, 1879; demitted June 6, 1888.
Smith, Robert	Boston.	Feb.	5, 1879.	

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	RAISED.	REMARKS.
Smith, William O.	Cambridgeport.	Nov. 7, 1883.	
Snow, Stillman J.	Boston.	March 5, 1884.	
Spitz, Jacob M.	Boston.	March 7, 1888.	
Springer, Elestus M.	Newton.	Dec. 6, 1876.	Membership March 23, 1877; de- mitted Feb. 2, 1881.
Stackpole, Geo. E., M.D.	Malden.	Nov. 7, 1883.	
Stacy, William H., Jr.	Boston.	June 4, 1879.	
Strauss, Anthony W.	Boston.	Dec. 6, 1876.	Membership March 23, 1877.
Swain, James F.	Nantucket.	July 5, 1876.	Membership March 23, 1877.
Taber, Fred J.	Boston.	July 5, 1882.	Life Member.
Trower, William	Boston.	Feb. 20, 1878.	Died Aug. 26, 1881.
Tucker, George R.	Newton.	June 1, 1881.	
Tyner, Richard	Boston.	June 5, 1878.	
Tyner, William	Boston.	Oct. 7, 1869.	Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member; has served as Treasurer fifteen terms.
Tyner, William F.	Boston.	Feb. 3, 1886.	
Underwood, Francis	Boston.	May 28, 1880.	
Upton, Eugene C.	Boston.	Jan. 5, 1887.	
Vinal, Warren D.	Boston.	June 1, 1881.	
Voigt, Charles H. R.	Boston.	Dec. 7, 1887.	

Wade, James P.	Chelsea.	July	5, 1882.	Discharged May 2, 1888.
Walcott, William H.	Newport, R.I.	Jan.	5, 1887.	
Wales, Thomas C.	Wichita, Kan.	Feb.	4, 1885.	
Walley, James S.	Boston.	Nov.	6, 1878.	
Ward, Ezra M.	Boston.	May	28, 1880.	Life Member.
Warner, John E.	Newton.	April	4, 1877.	Discharged June 6, 1883.
West, William F.	Boston.	May	3, 1866.	Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member.
Whitaker, William B.	Boston.	Jan.	5, 1887.	
Whitcomb, Walter C.	Cambridgeport	Feb.	20, 1878.	
Whitcomb, Wm. H.	Boston.	April	7, 1873.	Raised in St. John's Lodge, Boston; joined by demit May 2, 1877; died Aug. 5, 1881.
White, Henry M.	Boston.	June	4, 1879.	Life Member.
White, John H.	Boston.	April	6, 1887.	
Whiting, William S.	Boston.	Feb.	7, 1883.	
Whitmore, Joseph P.	Boston.	Oct.	6, 1886.	
Whitney, Elias B.	Boston.	May	12, 1870.	Raised in Mt. Hermon Lodge, Medford; joined by demit May 2, 1877.
Whitney, William E.	Boston.	June	5, 1887.	
Williams, William H.	Boston.	June	4, 1884.	

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	RAISED.	REMARKS.
Woodman, John H.	Boston.	March 5, 1884.	
Young, John	Boston.	June 4, 1884.	
HONORARY MEMBERS.			
R. W. Charles J. Danforth.		May 2, 1877.	Died in Roxbury May 17, 1877.
Capt. Peter J. Irving.		May 2, 1883.	Residence, England; raised in Joseph Webb Lodge.
R. W. Henry G. Fay.		Feb. 6, 1884.	
LIFE MEMBERS.			
John K. Scott.	Fred J. Taber.	John H. Coombs.	John H. Capstick.
Benjamin Magoun.		Ezra M. Ward.	Henry M. White.

APPENDIX.

14.

REMARKS.

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NAME.

ORGANIZATION UNDER DISPENSATION.

March 20, 1876, to March 23, 1877.

J. Elliot Bond	Worshipful Master.
N. Edgar Hollace	Senior Warden.
William F. Story*	Junior Warden.
William Tyner	Treasurer.
J. Waldo Denny	Secretary.
Wor. John T. Stetson	Chaplain.
Thomas W. Shapleigh	Marshal.
Albro A. Osgood	Senior Deacon.
Daniel T. Brigham	Junior Deacon.
Horatio H. Crawford	Senior Steward.
Julius A. Greene	Junior Steward.
George Carbis	Inside Sentinel.
James L. Hovey	Organist.
Henry Orr	Tyler.

COMMITTEES.

Visitation and Relief. — Brothers T. W. Shapleigh, W. F. Story, D. T. Brigham, Wm. B. Foster, Seth B. Cushing.

Reception Committee. — Brothers E. S. Goulston, J. A. Campbell, J. L. Hovey, Columbia R. Beal, Seth B. Cushing.

* Served two months. Balance of term filled by Thomas W. Shapleigh.
Brother Story died April 16, 1882.

ORGANIZATION TO JUNE 28, 1877.

FIRST UNDER THE CHARTER.

Installed March 23, 1877, by Most Worshipful Grand Master Percival
Lowell Everett.

J. Elliot Bond	Worshipful Master.
N. Edgar Hollace	Senior Warden.
Thomas W. Shapleigh	Junior Warden.
William Tyner	Treasurer.
J. Waldo Denny	Secretary.
William Henry Lee	Chaplain.
Elestus M. Springer	Marshal.
Daniel T. Brigham	Senior Deacon.
Horatio H. Crawford	Junior Deacon.
Julius A. Greene	Senior Steward.
A. W. Strauss	Junior Steward.
J. F. Swain	Inside Sentinel.
J. L. Hovey	Organist
Henry Orr	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Visitation and Relief. — Brothers Wm. Tyner, Frank Miles, J. A. Plumer, A. J. Kebler and J. Keller.

Reception Committee. — Brothers E. S. Goulst S. B. Cushing, M. Kelley, Albro A. Osgood Philip Goulston.

Examination of Visitors. — Brothers A. A. Osg O. C. Pullen, Francis A. Chase, Wm. H. Gle and James L. Hovey.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1877.

Installed June 28, 1877, by Worshipful J. Elliot Bond.

N. Edgar Hollace	.	.	.	Worshipful Master.
Daniel T. Brigham	.	.	.	Senior Warden.
Thomas W. Shapleigh	.	.	.	Junior Warden.
William Tyner	.	.	.	Treasurer.
Francis A. Chase	.	.	.	Secretary.
William Henry Lee	.	.	.	Chaplain.
Seth B. Cushing	.	.	.	Marshal.
Laban M. T. Hill	.	.	.	Senior Deacon.
Julius A. Greene	.	.	.	Junior Deacon.
Anthony W. Strauss	.	.	.	Senior Steward.
Amory J. Kebler	.	.	.	Junior Steward.
James F. Swain	.	.	.	Inside Sentinel.
James L. Hovey	.	.	.	Organist.
Henry Orr	.	.	.	Tyler.

COMMITTEES.

Visitation and Relief—Brothers William Tyner, E. B. Whitney, Springer, Plumer and Kebler.

Reception Committee.—Wor. J. E. Bond, Brothers Osgood, Hovey, Kelley and J. A. Campbell.

Examination of Visitors.—Brothers Osgood, Miles, Pullen, Cushing and Pray.

ORGANIZATION OF 1878.

Public Installation June 21, 1878; R.W. Wyzeman Marshall,
Installing Officer.

N. Edgar Hollace	.	.	Worshipful Master.
Daniel T. Brigham	.	.	Senior Warden.
Thomas W. Shapleigh	.	.	Junior Warden.
William Tyner	.	.	Treasurer.
Francis A. Chase	.	.	Secretary.
Rev. George J. Prescott	.	.	Chaplain.
Seth B. Cushing	.	.	Marshal.
Laban M. T. Hill	.	.	Senior Deacon.
William K. Browne	.	.	Junior Deacon.
Anthony W. Strauss	.	.	Senior Steward.
James F. Swain	.	.	Junior Steward.
Henry M. Rowe	.	.	Inside Sentinel.
James L. Hovey	.	.	Organist.
Henry Orr	.	.	Tyler.

COMMITTEES.

Visitation and Relief. — Brothers William Tyner, Whitney, Springer, H. V. Hayward and J. S. Keller.

Reception. — Wor. J. E. Bond, Brothers F. T. Kiernan, T. N. Cook, Jr., W. C. Whitcomb and A. A. Osgood.

Examination of Visitors. — Brothers Osgood, Miles, Crawford, A. J. Scott and S. L. Davis.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1879.

Installed January 1, 1879, by R. W. Seth C. Ames.

Daniel T. Brigham	.	.	.	Worshipful Master.
Albro A. Osgood	.	.	.	Senior Warden.
Horatio H. Crawford	.	.	.	Junior Warden.
William Tyner	.	.	.	Treasurer.
Francis A. Chase	.	.	.	Secretary.
Rev. George J. Prescott	.	.	.	Chaplain.
Henry M. Rowe	.	.	.	Marshal.
Laban M. T. Hill	.	.	.	Senior Deacon.
Anthony W. Strauss	.	.	.	Junior Deacon.
James F. Swain	.	.	.	Senior Steward.
Arthur J. Scott	.	.	.	Junior Steward.
Albert G. Pray	.	.	.	Inside Sentinel.
James L. Hovey	.	.	.	Organist.
Henry Orr	.	.	.	Tyler.

COMMITTEES.

Visitation and Relief. — Brothers Denny, Miles, Hanscom, Trower and Hayward.

Reception. — W^{or}. J. E. Bond, Brothers Shapleigh, Kiernan, Gaensslen and Richard Tyner.

Examination of Visitors. — Brothers Cushing, Kebler, Pullen, Browne and S. L. Davis.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1880.

Public Installation January 22, 1880, by R.W. Wyzeman Marshall.

Daniel T. Brigham	.	.	.	Worshipful Master.
Albro A. Osgood	.	.	.	Senior Warden.
John F. Ham	.	.	.	Junior Warden.
William Tyner	.	.	.	Treasurer.
Francis A. Chase	.	.	.	Secretary.
Rev. George J. Prescott	.	.	.	Chaplain.
Henry M. Rowe	.	.	.	Marshal.
William H. Whitcomb	.	.	.	Senior Deacon.
Arthur J. Scott	.	.	.	Junior Deacon.
Robert Smith	.	.	.	Senior Steward.
Frank N. Evans	.	.	.	Junior Steward.
William Trower	.	.	.	Inside Sentinel.
James L. Hovey	.	.	.	Organist.
Henry Orr	.	.	.	Tyler.

COMMITTEES.

Visitation and Relief. — Brothers Denny, Miles, Hanscom, L. M. T. Hill and Hayward.

Reception. — Wor. J. E. Bond, Brothers Strauss, Kiernan, Gaensslen and Richard Tyner.

Examination of Visitors. — Brothers Crawford, Kebler, Pullen, Swain and Jones.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1881.

Installed January 5, 1881, by Worshipful D. T. Brigham.

Albro A. Osgood	. . . . .	Worshipful Master.
John F. Ham	. . . . .	Senior Warden.
William H. Whitcomb*	. . . . .	Junior Warden.
William Tyner	. . . . .	Treasurer.
Francis A. Chase	. . . . .	Secretary.
Rev. George J. Prescott	. . . . .	Chaplain.
Henry M. Rowe	. . . . .	Marshal.
Thomas N. Cook, Jr.	. . . . .	Senior Deacon.
Arthur J. Scott	. . . . .	Junior Deacon.
William A. Hopkins	. . . . .	Senior Steward.
Michael Kelly	. . . . .	Junior Steward.
William Trower†	. . . . .	Inside Sentinel.
James L. Hovey	. . . . .	Organist.
Henry Orr	. . . . .	Tyler.

COMMITTEES.

Visitation and Relief. — Wor. Brother Hollace, Brothers Hayward, Miles, Denny and Wm. Tyner.

Reception. — Wor. Brother Bond, Brothers Pullen, Cumming, Richard Tyner and Swain.

Examination of Visitors. — Wor. D. T. Brigham, Brothers Crawford, Shapleigh, Evans and Morgan.

* Died Aug. 5, 1881.

† Died Aug. 26, 1881.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1882.

Public Installation January 20, 1882, by R.W. Edwin Wright.

Albro A. Osgood	.	.	.	Worshipful Master.
John F. Ham	.	.	.	Senior Warden.
J. Waldo Denny	.	.	.	Junior Warden.
William Tyner	.	.	.	Treasurer.
Francis A. Chase	.	.	.	Secretary.
Richard Tyner	.	.	.	Chaplain.
Oscar C. Pullen	.	.	.	Marshal.
Thomas N. Cook, Jr.	.	.	.	Senior Deacon.
Arthur J. Scott	.	.	.	Junior Deacon.
George R. Tucker	.	.	.	Senior Steward.
Alexander Hill	.	.	.	Junior Steward.
Frank E. Cox	.	.	.	Inside Sentinel.
James L. Hovey	.	.	.	Organist.
Henry Orr	.	.	.	Tyler.

COMMITTEES.

Visitation and Relief. — Brothers Jones, Hayward, Miles, Cumming and Joshua Mitchell.

Reception. — Wor. J. E. Bond, Brothers Kelly, Ward, W. C. Whitcomb and Charles F. Hill.

Examination of Visitors. — Wor. D. T. Brigham, Brothers Crawford, Evans, Swain and W. A. Hopkins.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1883.

Installed November 15, 1882, by Worshipful Albro A. Osgood.

John F. Ham	. . . .	Worshipful Master.
J. Waldo Denny	. . . .	Senior Warden.
Henry M. Rowe	. . . .	Junior Warden.
William Tyner	. . . .	Treasurer.
Francis A. Chase	. . . .	Secretary.
Richard Tyner	. . . .	Chaplain.
Henry C. Cottle	. . . .	Marshal.
Frank E. Cox	. . . .	Senior Deacon.
William E. Murdock	. . . .	Junior Deacon.
Alfred J. Cumming	. . . .	Senior Steward.
Fred J. Taber	. . . .	Junior Steward.
Francis Underwood	. . . .	Inside Sentinel.
James L. Hovey	. . . .	Organist.
Henry Orr	. . . .	Tyler.

COMMITTEES.

Visitation and Relief.—Wor. Albro A. Osgood, Brothers William Tyner, Tucker, Keller and Henry M. White.

Reception.—Wor. J. E. Bond, Brothers A. J. Scott, W. A. Hopkins, Robert Smith, and Charles F. Hill.

Examination of Visitors.—Wor. Daniel T. Brigham, Brothers Crawford, Cook, Shapleigh and Swain.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1884.

Public Installation, December 31, 1883, by R. W. Edwin Wright.

John F. Ham	Worshipful Master.
J. Waldo Denny	Senior Warden.
Henry M. Rowe	Junior Warden.
William Tyner	Treasurer.
Francis A. Chase	Secretary.
Richard Tyner	Chaplain.
Henry C. Cottle	Marshal.
William E. Murdock	Senior Deacon.
William F. Seaver	Junior Deacon.
Ezra Marble, Jr.	Senior Steward.
William W. Hinkley	Junior Steward.
James F. Lucas	Inside Sentinel.
Walter C. Whitcomb	Organist.
Henry Orr	Tyler.

[No record of any Committees appointed.]

ORGANIZATION FOR 1885.

Installation November 19, 1884, by Worshipful D. T. Brigham.

J. Waldo Denny	Worshipful Master.
Henry M. Rowe	Senior Warden.
William E. Murdock	Junior Warden.
William Tyner	Treasurer.
Francis A. Chase	Secretary.
Rev. Lewis V. Price	Chaplain.
John H. Woodman	Marshal.
George H. Royal, Jr.	Senior Deacon.
Ezra Marble, Jr.	Junior Deacon.
James E. Robinson, Jr.	Senior Steward.
Robert T. Almy	Junior Steward.
James F. Lucas	Inside Sentinel.
William H. Gerrish	Organist.
Henry Orr	Tyler.

COMMITTEES.

Reception. — Wor. John F. Ham, Brothers Arthur J. Scott, Whitcomb, M. J. Raymond and Herter.

Examination. — Wor. D. T. Brigham, Brothers Crawford, Pullen, Ford and Taber.

Visitation and Relief. — Wor. Albro A. Osgood, Brothers William Tyner, Stackpole, Hovey and Richard Tyner.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1886.

Public Installation Dec. 30, 1885; R.W. Edwin Wright, Installing Officer.

J. Waldo Denny	Worshipful Master.
Henry M. Rowe	Senior Warden.
William E. Murdock	Junior Warden.
William Tyner	Treasurer.
Francis A. Chase	Secretary.
Rev. Lewis V. Price	Chaplain.
Charles C. Littlefield	Marshal.
George H. Royal, Jr.	Senior Deacon.
Robert T. Almy	Junior Deacon.
James E. Robinson, Jr.	Senior Steward.
John H. Woodman	Junior Steward.
James F. Lucas	Inside Sentinel.
William H. Gerrish	Organist.
John H. Chester	Tyler.

COMMITTEES.

Reception. — Wor. John F. Ham, Brothers Pullen, Arthur J. Scott, Herter and William J. Scott.

Examination. — Wor. D. T. Brigham, Brothers Crawford, Ford, Swain and Whitcomb.

Visitation and Relief. — Wor. A. A. Osgood, Brothers William Tyner, Stackpole, Richard Tyner and Frederic A. Smith.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1887.

Installation November 17, 1886, by Worshipful John F. Ham.

Henry M. Rowe	. . .	Worshipful Master.
William E. Murdock	. . .	Senior Warden.
Horatio H. Crawford	. . .	Junior Warden.
William Tyner	. . . . .	Treasurer.
Francis A. Chase	. . . . .	Secretary.
Rev. Lewis V. Price	. . . . .	Chaplain.
George H. Royal, Jr.	. . . . .	Marshal.
Robert T. Almy	. . . . .	Senior Deacon.
James E. Robinson, Jr.	. . . . .	Junior Deacon.
John H. Woodman	. . . . .	Senior Steward.
Samuel B. Hopkins, 2d	. . . . .	Junior Steward.
William C. Cooledge	. . . . .	Inside Sentinel.
William H. Gerrish	. . . . .	Organist.
John H. Chester	. . . . .	Tyler.

COMMITTEES.

Reception. — Wor. John F. Ham, Brothers Herter, Wm. J. Scott, Henry M. White and Lane.

Examination. — Wor. J. Waldo Denny, Brothers Ford, Whitcomb, French and Pope.

Visitation and Relief. — Wor. Albro A. Osgood, Brothers William Tyner, Stackpole, Richard Tyner and Gould.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1888.

Public Installation December 30, 1887, by Most Worshipful Grand Master
Henry Endicott.

Henry M. Rowe	.	.	.	Worshipful Master.
William E. Murdock	.	.	.	Senior Warden.
Horatio H. Crawford	.	.	.	Junior Warden.
William Tyner	.	.	.	Treasurer.
Francis A. Chase *	.	.	.	Secretary.
Rev. Lewis V. Price	.	.	.	Chaplain.
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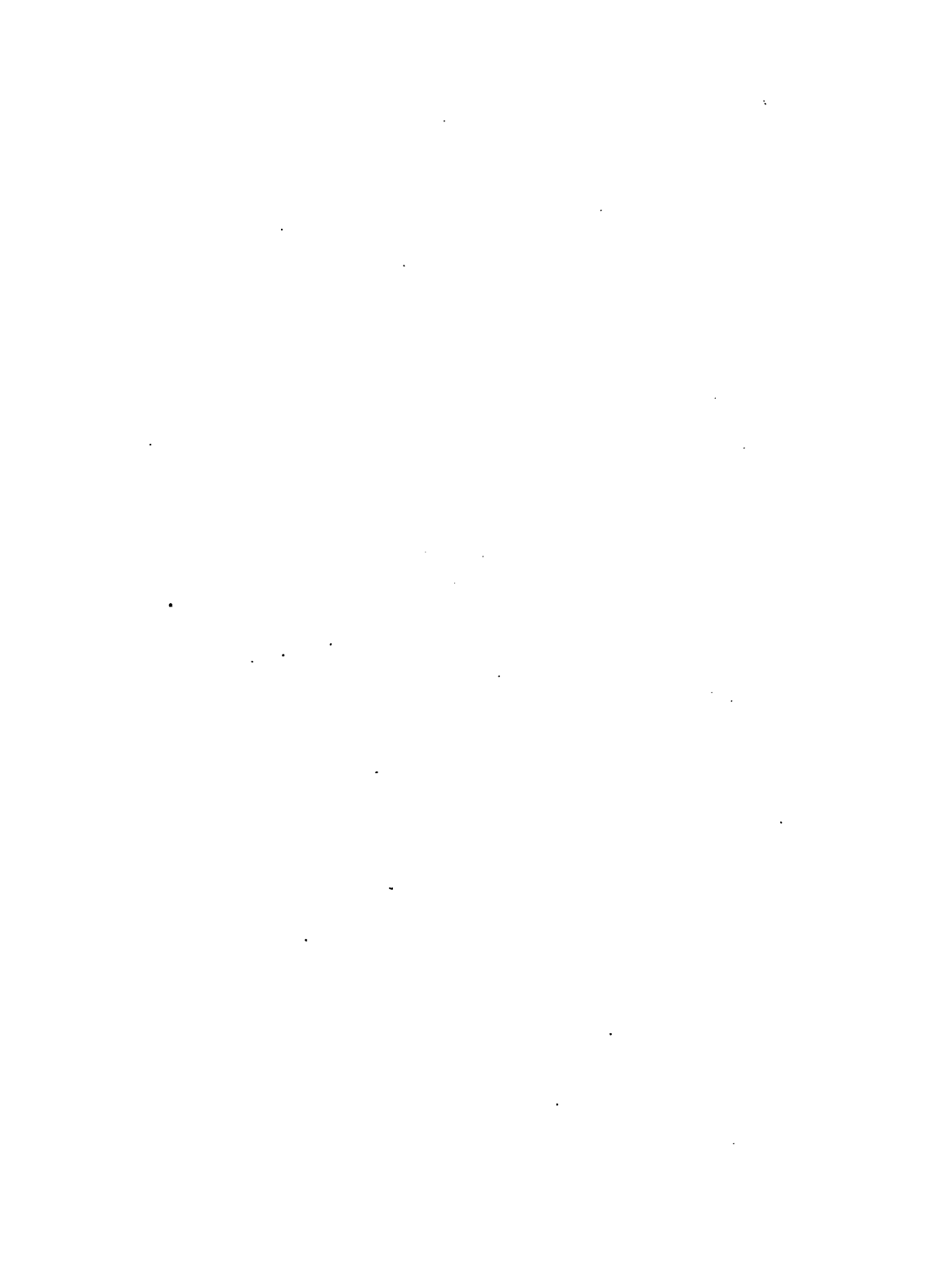
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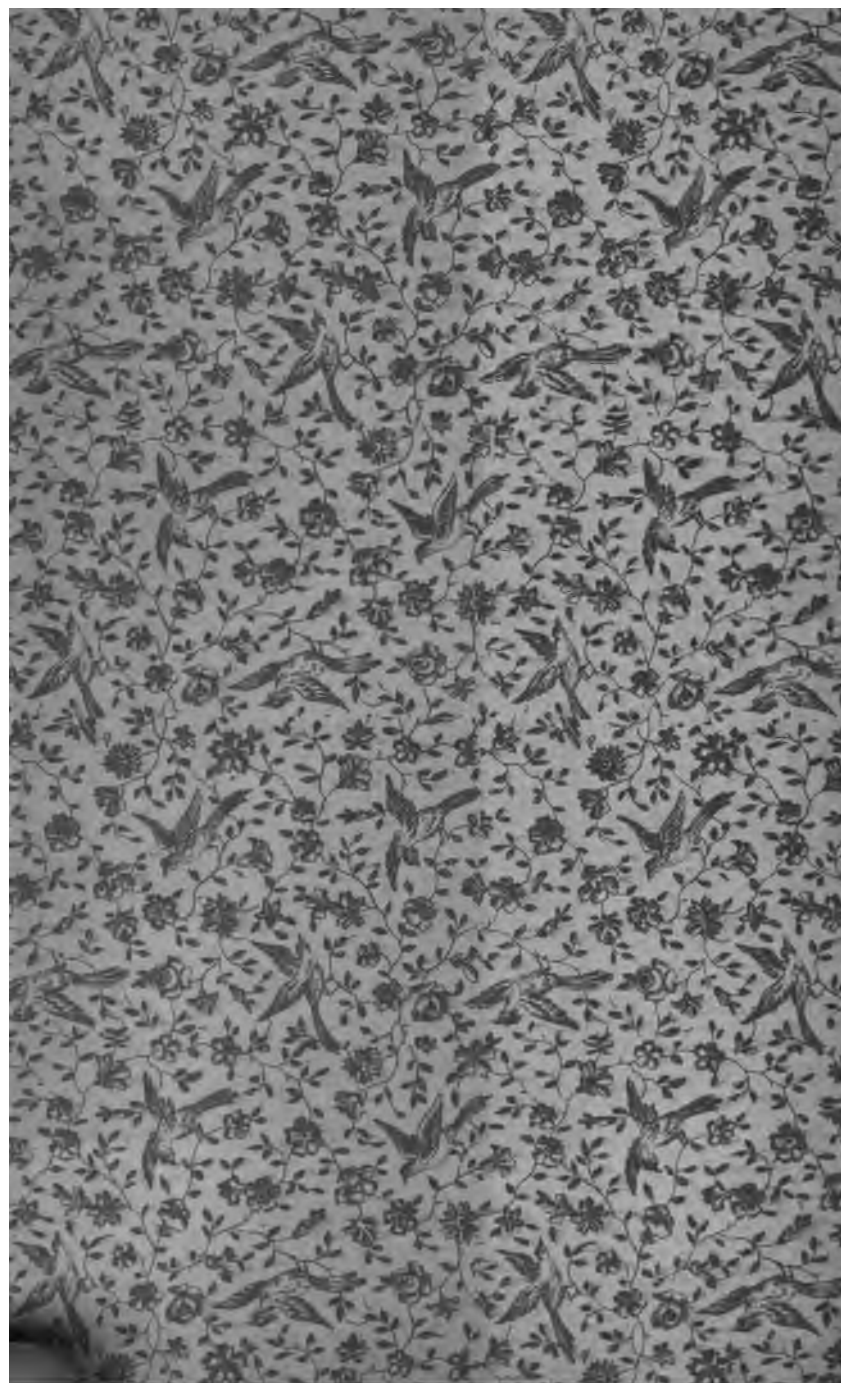
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* Brother Chase, owing to serious illness, was not installed; Brother Charles C. Littlefield acted as Secretary during the year.







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Table 1. Mean (SD) age, height, weight, and body mass index (BMI) of the participants in each group

Group	Age (years)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	BMI (kg m ⁻²)
Control	12.1 (0.5)	150.2 (6.1)	42.5 (10.2)	18.9 (3.1)
Low-dose	12.1 (0.5)	150.1 (6.1)	42.3 (10.2)	18.8 (3.1)
High-dose	12.1 (0.5)	150.1 (6.1)	42.3 (10.2)	18.8 (3.1)

Control = no treatment; low-dose = 10 mg of 17 β -oestradiol per day; high-dose = 20 mg of 17 β -oestradiol per day.

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